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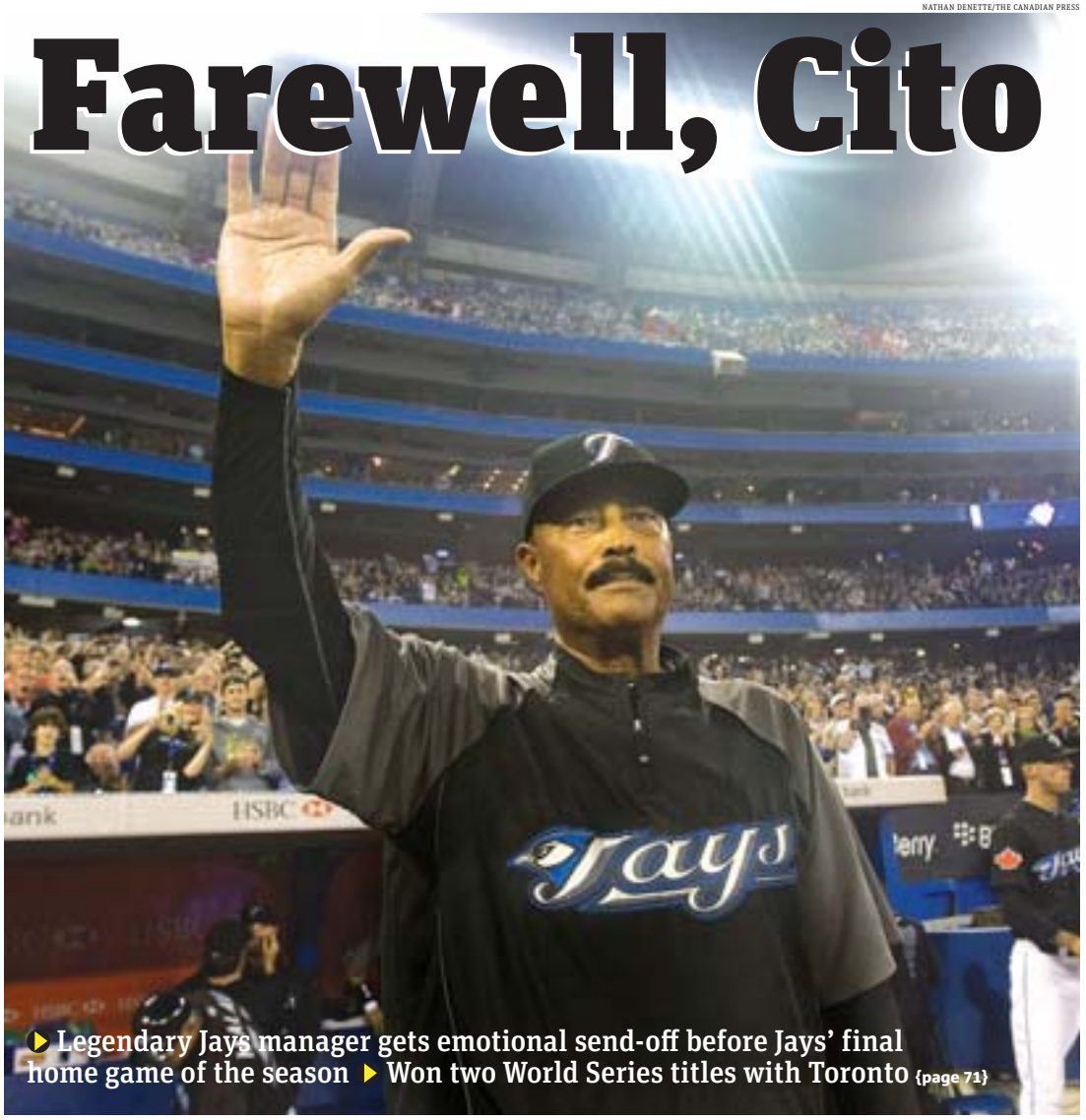

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Cops seek lottery ticket's true owner

Police seize bank accounts and property after father, siblings arrested Two residential homes, five luxury cars among assets

The search is on for the "rightful" owners of a $12.5-million lottery ticket after police announced yesterday that a family has been charged with stealing the jackpot.

A father, his son and daughter all face charges after allegedly stealing a Super 7 ticket in Burlington in 2003.

Ontario Lottery and Gaming said it has a system in place that may help find the real winner.

"We don't know the identity of the person who bought the ticket because, historically, lottery in Canada has been anonymous," said OLG chairman Paul Godfrey.

"But if someone can come in and tell us everything we already know about the ticket, down to the last detail, there's a good chance we're looking at the rightful owner."

Police said the father and son worked at a retail store where a customer cashed in a ticket that had won a free play.

They say the family, which had allegedly been "actively stealing" tickets from customers, stole the free-play ticket, which won the jackpot in December 2003. Police also allege the father and son gave the ticket to the daughter to claim the prize.

"This particular investigation resulted from a larger overall investigative review of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming insider-win investigations," said provincial police Insp. Bill Price.

Kathleen Chung, Jun-Chul Chung, and Kenneth Chung face several charges, including fraud over $5,000 and possession under $5,000. They were to appear in a Milton court yesterday.

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▶ Paul Godfrey, chairman of the board of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, comments yesterday on the arrest of three individuals by the OPP at a media conference in Toronto.

OLG under fire

The scandal-plagued Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. has been under scrutiny for several years related to insider wins.

- The Ontario government called in police three years ago after the province's ombudsman accused unscrupulous lottery-ticket retailers of collecting tens of millions of dollars in "dishonest" winnings — and the Crown agency of letting them get away with it.
- OLG, which rakes in about $6.5 billion in revenues a year, has been plagued with problems ranging from questionable expenses to botched scratch-and-win tickets, malfunctioning slot machines, lawsuits from gambling addicts, and a controversial casino power plant that ended up costing taxpayers $80 million.

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▶ Rhythmic gymnasts who have won a bronze medal at the Youth Olympics perform outside the Air Canada Centre yesterday. The 2015 Pan Am Games are coming to Toronto and the organizers held a giant street party with schoolchildren, athletes and entertainers like Chantal Kreviazuk as they introduced the new games logo.

Logo unveiling begins Pan Am countdown

With 11,000 athletes from 42 countries competing, Pan Am event is twice the size of Winter Olympics: CEO

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A red and green cartoon sports figure is the official logo of the 2015 Pan Am Games, which launched yesterday with a street party in Toronto.

The curved figure looks like it's kicking a blue ball across the page. The numbers 20 and 15, written in white, are spread across the image.

The logo is being called the visual face of the Games. The theme of the event is "United We Play."

"The folks who designed it spent a lot of time looking at the art and the culture of Pan America, so you've got a logo which I think is fun, it's vibrant," said CEO Ian Troop.

The design draws on Aztec and Mayan cultures that first used rubber balls in sport, and as burnt offerings to deities, as early as 1600 BC.

"It's inspired by all the Pan American history of native people's art and architecture and sculpture, so we think we've got something very appropriate for Pan America that will be distinctive and people will really gravitate to."

Organizers hope the logo will score a goal with sponsors hungry to link their names to the Pan Games in July 2015 and the Parapan Games the following month.

Some companies have already expressed "significant" interest in becoming sponsors, especially ones involved in the Vancouver Olympics in February, said Troop. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

McGuinty accused of hiding electricity report

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▶ Dalton McGuinty

The Opposition is demanding that Premier Dalton McGuinty come clean and release a report on future electricity costs amid fears that soaring hydro bills are heading even higher.

The Ontario Energy Board acknowledged in a Sept. 17 letter that it conducted a "preliminary analysis and forecast" of electricity costs, but doesn't plan on making it public.

The Conservatives, who uncovered the letter, asked McGuinty 10 times in the legislature whether he would make the report public.

But the premier refused to acknowledge the existence of the OEB report and instead kept bringing up the former Tory government's record on hydro rates.

"The fact of the matter is that they quietly presided over the gradual decay of the electricity system in the province of Ontario," McGuinty told the legislature.

"They refused to make essential investments in new generation and in new transmission. They refused to work with Ontarians so that we might together conserve electricity and reduce demand."

But the premier's refusal to make the report public suggests he's concealing evidence that hydro rates are going up, said Opposition Leader Tim Hudak. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Another hike?

- Environmentalists are warning that consumers may be hit with another rate hike this spring.
- Ontario Power Generation has already asked to raise its rates next March to start paying for the rebuild of the Darlington nuclear units, said Jack Gibbons of the Ontario Clean Air Alliance.
- OPG is seeking a 6.2 per cent rate increase for "everything they want to do, including the re-build," Gibbons said. For the average residential customer, it would raise their bills by 1.7 per cent, he added.

SIU called in after fatal shooting

The Special Investigations Unit has been called in to investigate after a man was killed in an overnight shooting in Toronto's west end.

Heavily armed officers were executing a search warrant when they entered a third-floor unit in an Etobicoke condo shortly after 1 a.m.

A 26-year-old man was shot and rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead. A second man was led out of the unit in handcuffs.

Police say Ebony Osawe, 23, of Toronto, was arrested during the course of the search and faces five weapons-related charges. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

1 charged, 1 sought in sex assault

A man wanted after a woman was sexually assaulted in Toronto has been charged, but police are still searching for another suspect.

On Sunday, a woman was walking around 2 a.m. on Queen Street East when she was grabbed by two men and dragged a short distance, say police.

Police allege both men sexually assaulted her.

Yohan Henry, 35, was charged.

Police are still searching for a second man with a dark complexion, average build and short, curly hair.

He was wearing a white jersey with numbers on the back and blue jeans. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Celebrate women and wine

On Sept. 30 the Lifford Wine Agency is hosting its annual Ladies' Night event at the Audi Downtown Showroom.

Proceeds will benefit the girls and women's program at the Belinda Stronach Foundation.

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▶ Former British MP George Galloway speaks via Skype from London yesterday.

'I'M COMING TO GET YOU,' ACTIVIST TELLS MINISTER

Armed with a judge's ruling, British activist George Galloway blasted Ottawa yesterday for his aborted Canadian visit 18 months ago as he announced plans to speak in Toronto this weekend.

Speaking from London via Skype, the rabble-rousing politician attacked Immigration Minister Jason Kenney for branding him a terrorist and trying to stifle his anti-war views.

"I'm coming to get you with my arguments, Mr. Kenney," Galloway said.

"I'm going to establish either that you're a fool or that you're a knave — in any case, that the people of Canada deserve better than you."

Galloway was scheduled to speak in Canada in March 2009, but decided against coming after Ottawa said he would likely be denied entry.

The government cited his dealing with Gaza's elected Hamas government, which Canada considers a terrorist organization.

Monday, a Federal Court judge found the Conservative government had acted politically to suppress his opinions.

"It is clear that the efforts to keep Mr. Galloway out of the country had more to do with antipathy to his political views than with any real concern that he had engaged in terrorism or was a member of a terrorist organization," Judge Richard Mosley stated in his ruling.

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Cancer costly, says study

The cost of cancer drugs that need to be taken at home can be devastating to families, the Canadian Cancer Society said yesterday as it renewed its call for more coverage of catastrophic drugs. It released survey results suggesting that 85 per cent of respondents would see a negative impact on their family's financial situation because of the cost of cancer drugs if they were diagnosed with the disease.

"An overwhelming majority of Canadians were very concerned that the financial impact would be harsh," Dan Demers, director of national public issues for the cancer society, said.

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Helping those who need it

Manavi Handa helps provide health care to new immigrants who don't qualify for OHIP ● She and three others to be honoured today

A pregnant woman stood crying in a Toronto grocery store after realizing that even though she was a landed immigrant, she still had to wait three months to gain access to public health care.

And then she met Manavi Handa, of West End Midwives.

"Somebody overheard her and said, 'There's actually a midwifery clinic down the street,'" said Handa, who is also a midwife professor at Ryerson University.

The daughter of South Asian immigrant parents, Handa works with immigrant and marginalized women and is an advocate of free health care for all pregnant women.

She is among four people being recognized today by the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, a local group that promotes Toronto's diversity.

"I'm incredibly humbled," Handa said.

"I speak a bit more publicly about the issue and have made a little bit more noise, but there are a lot of midwives doing similar work so I really feel like I'm winning the award in recognition of all of us."

New immigrants often arrive in Canada believing health care is free and are shocked when they're asked to pay thousands of dollars up front to see a doctor, said Handa.

Ontario and British Columbia are the only two provinces in Canada that have a waiting period before landed immigrants have access to public health care.

Handa said many new immigrants end up seeking medical attention from midwives, who are funded to care for all women, regardless of their residential status.

"Health-care givers are health-care givers — they're not immigration officers," she said.

Handa added that prenatal care can prevent preterm births, which can cost the health-care system hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Even if you don't want to go the immigration or political route, it just makes a lot of sense. These babies are Canadian. And they're going to be, quote-unquote, a 'burden' financially on our system if they're not healthy when they're born," she said.

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▶ Midwife and Ryerson Prof. Manavi Handa is being recognized for her efforts to improve access to health care for immigrant and marginalized women.

Awards

Three other community activists are also receiving awards at a ceremony today:

- Nigel Barriffe, a Grade 3 teacher in Rexdale.
- Farrah S. Khan, an artist and advocate for Muslim women and trans people.
- Che Kothari, a photographer and youth advocate.

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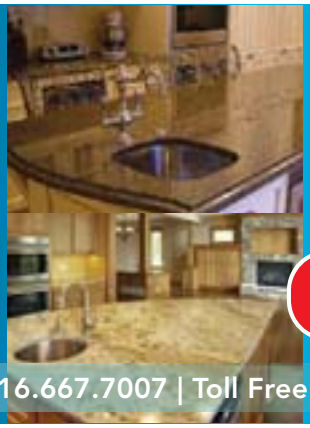

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Drop-side cribs could be banned in Canada

Health Canada is launching a public consultation on the safety of drop-side cribs that could lead to a ban.

The ban would apply to the sale of drop-side cribs at traditional retailers, second-hand stores, flea markets and garage sales, as well as on web-based sites like eBay, Craigslist and Kijiji.

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq is asking for feedback on proposed changes to the Cribs and Cradles Regulations of the Hazardous Products Act to ban traditional drop-side cribs, as well as other cribs with sides that aren't rigidly attached to the crib ends.

For details, consumers can check the consultation document on Health Canada's website, and submit comments by Dec. 15.

Health Canada says there have been about 90 reported drop-side crib incidents in Canada in the last 10 years and several models of drop-side cribs have been voluntarily recalled in the past few years.

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Cracking the health code

Everyone in Ontario is being invited to participate in what's being billed as the largest health study of its kind ever conducted in the province.

The study is aimed at investigating factors that increase the risk of developing cancer, heart disease, asthma, diabetes and other common diseases.

Anyone in Ontario older than 18 can enrol by filling out a questionnaire about their medical history, lifestyle and diet at ontariohealthstudy.ca.

In the next phase of the study some volunteers will be asked to provide more detailed lifestyle and diet data and information about health indicators including lung and cardiovascular function, eye disease and mental health.

It is hoped the study will shed light on how environment, lifestyle, behaviour and genetics interact and why, for example, depression is closely linked with heart disease.

The study is being funded by the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Cancer Care Ontario, the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer.

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Feds to appeal prostitution ruling

Ontario court judge says prostitution-related laws put sex workers in danger

The federal and Ontario governments say they will appeal a controversial court judgment that struck down Canada's prostitution laws.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson told the House of Commons yesterday that prostitution "harms individuals and communities."

"That is why I am pleased to indicate to the House that the government will appeal and will seek a stay of that decision."

Ontario Attorney General Chris Bentley quickly followed suit, saying the province will join in the appeal to the province's top court.

Bentley said the laws "protect people from being lured or coerced into prostitution, they protect people from being under domination of those who would prey, and they protect communities from the adverse effects of prostitution-related activities."

Prostitution is not illegal in Canada, but an Ontario Superior Court judge court struck down three provisions that criminalized most aspects of it.

Justice Susan Himel ruled Tuesday that laws against keeping a common bawdy house, communicating for the purposes of prostitution, and living on the avails "are not in accord with the principles of fundamental justice."

She also said the laws put sex-trade workers in danger.

The judgment is subject to a 30-day stay during which the law remains in place. The federal government can seek an extension of the stay period.

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CHRIS BENTLEY, ONTARIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

The governments will request that the appeal court stay the judge's decision and allow the current prostitution laws to remain in effect until an appeal can be heard.

Nicholson's announcement came shortly after Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty urged the federal government to file an appeal.

McGuinty said the ruling "proposes some profound changes to the laws that have been on the books here for decades, and we look forward to supporting the federal government in that appeal."

The Crown had argued that striking down the provisions of the laws without enacting something else in their place would pose a danger to the public.

But Himel disagreed, saying the danger to sex-trade workers outweighs any harm to the public.

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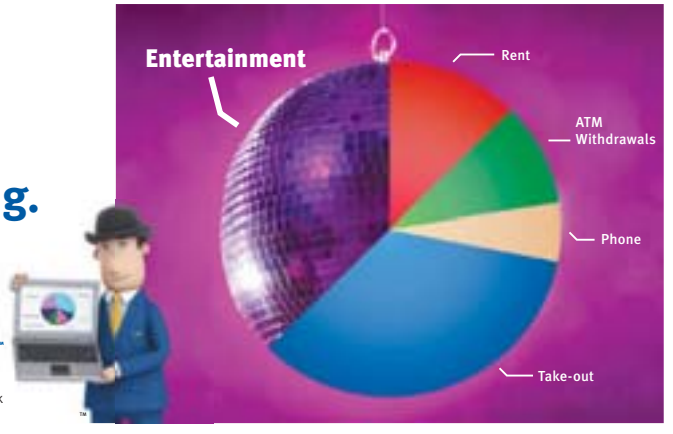

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Boy, 16, first to be charged in sex assault case

Police say 16-year-old girl was assaulted at party Sept. 10 Photos of attack were posted on Facebook

Police in B.C. have laid the first charges in the sexual assault of a teenaged girl who investigators say was drugged and raped by several males while others watched and posted pictures of the attack on Facebook.

A 16-year-old Maple Ridge boy made his first court appearance yesterday, charged with one count of producing child pornography and another of distributing it.

"These charges stem from the taking of photos during a sex act and posting those photos on social networking sites," Sgt. Peter Thiessen said in a news release.

An 18-year-old man was arrested earlier this month in the rape, and while charges have been recommended, they have not been laid.

The man has been released while prosecutors consider the recommendation.

Last week, Mounties held a news conference to say that two witnesses had come forward and that investigators are hoping for much more co-operation. The 16-year-old victim has returned to school and her family has said she is struggling to get her life back.

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Incident

- The RCMP has said the girl was assaulted Sept. 10 at a party on a rural property in Pitt Meadows, east of Vancouver.
- Police had at first described the attack as a gang rape and said there were multiple suspects. Investigators are only prepared to say "several" people were involved in the actual assault.
- But Thiessen backed off the gang rape description last week, saying every time the term is used, it further victimizes the girl.

Deficit may be larger than expected

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says last year's federal deficit may be worse than the record $53.8 billion provided for in the budget. Flaherty said the government will likely have to include payments in last year's books to provinces for transferring to a harmonized sales tax.

If that happens, he said it will bump up the deficit above $50 billion and possibly in excess of the shortfall in his budget.

The quick rebound from the recession in late 2009 and early 2010 had given Ottawa hope the deficit might be significantly less than $50 billion.

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The last departmental report on the 2009-10 deficit had placed the shortfall at about $47 billion.

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▶ Director James Cameron speaks at a press conference during his visit to Alberta's oilsands.

CAMERON TOUTS BAN ON TAILINGS PONDS

Film director James Cameron says the Alberta government should consider a ban on future tailings ponds until the effect of the oilsands is better understood.

Cameron said it may be worth waiting for new technologies that would do away with the pits used to dump toxic waste from oilsands operations.

The man behind the eco-movie Avatar also said he's not convinced that the land laid bare by the oilsands can ever be properly reclaimed.

He said he's practical enough to understand the "powerful economic forces" that drive the oilsands.

But Cameron also added it's critical that everyone consider the potential fallout of an industry still in its infancy.

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No reverse on long-form census: Clement

Opposition, provinces, private groups all planning challenges to census changes

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▶ Tony Clement

"This kind of stuff is exactly why people are beginning to think this government has lost the capacity to listen."
MICHAEL IGNATIEFF, LIBERAL LEADER

Industry Minister Tony Clement briskly dismissed a hail Mary appeal by Canada's two biggest provinces to reinstate the long-form census as the government indicated it would also ignore a looming Commons vote demanding the return of the mandatory long form.

"It's the same tune that they've had. They're users of the data, they like having the data. They like having the government of Canada enforcing through criminal penalties, fines and imprisonment," Clement told reporters.

"I understand their position, but it is not in my view a fair and reasonable position. Our position is the fair and reasonable position."

The Conservative government has said it does not agree with threatening Canadians with penalties for not filling out the lengthy long-form census and will replace it next year with a voluntary household survey. The short-form census, however, will continue to carry the threat of a fine for those who do not comply.

The Liberals, Bloc Québécois and NDP were poised to vote together in favour of bringing back the mandatory long-form census, minus the threat of jail time.

Quebec and Ontario ratcheted up the pressure this week with letters to Clement. Those letters were obtained by The Canadian Press. Provincial officials had hoped to forge an all-party front on the issue over the summer and then again this month. But sources said when it became clear western provinces weren't prepared to sign on, Quebec City and Queen's Park forged ahead.

Even though Clement has repeatedly rebuffed efforts from more than 300 organizations and dozens of municipalities to reinstate the mandatory census form, the provinces believe there is still reason to hope for a reversal, the sources said.

The Federal Court is also examining a request to reinstate the long-form census. The Federation of Francophone and Acadian Communities asked for an expedited review of the decision, arguing the federal government would not be able to fulfil its duties under the Official Languages Act without the data from the long questionnaire.

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▶ Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean holds back tears yesterday while pausing to talk to veteran Charles Belzile during a military ceremony in her honour at the National War Museum in Ottawa.

Jean takes leave of military

Michaëlle Jean bid a teary farewell yesterday as commander-in-chief of the Canadian Forces in one of her last official acts as Governor General.

The memory of 154 Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan haunted the military parade in Jean's honour outside the Canadian War Museum.

Everyone from Defence Minister Peter MacKay to Silver Cross Mother Ella Morley paid tribute to Jean's role in providing support for the Afghan mission's dead and wounded.

Gen. Walt Natynczyk, chief of defence staff, said that by her actions, Jean "shows that Canada cares" for the sacrifice of the military.

Jean's last official function takes place today at Rideau Hall, where she will plant a tree to commemorate the end of her mandate.

Governor-General designate David Johnston is to be sworn in as Canada's 28th vice-regal Friday.

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Crucial day

After almost two years, Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean has broken her silence about the day she saved the Harper government.

- **Two-hour wait** She said she never meant to keep the country in suspense when she kept the prime minister waiting two hours before granting his prorogation request.
- **Needed time** She felt she needed time to make the right decision.
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From mocking to making the news

Mock pundits Stewart and Colbert launch into political stratosphere with upcoming D.C. rallies ◗ Critics attack Colbert's Congress testimony

Two-party system

The war of words against pundits and politicians alike comes as Stewart and Colbert plan their descent upon the U.S. capital Oct. 30.

- The duelling rallies are expected to attract tens of thousands of fans just three days before the mid-term congressional elections that could see Republicans regain control of the House.
- Liberal blogger Arianna Huffington has announced she'll be providing transportation to anyone who wants to attend the joint "Rally to Restore Sanity/March to Keep Fear Alive" events.

Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart are partners in comedy who are more accustomed to getting laughs on the airwaves than making waves in the U.S. capital.

But their upcoming duelling rallies at the iconic Washington monument, along with Colbert's testimony last week to Congress about illegal immigration, have inserted the pair into the politics of the nation, much to the chagrin of politicians and commentators alike.

Colbert is facing criticism for his testimony, delivered largely in character as his right-wing blowhard alter-ego.

The barbs are coming not just from Republicans but from Democrats and commentators on the left, despite the fact that it was a Democrat who invited him to appear last Friday before the House of Representatives' subcommittee on immigration.

"This is America," Colbert ranted at one point.

"I don't want a tomato picked by a Mexican. I want it picked by an American, then sliced by a Guatemalan, then served by a Venezuelan, in a spa where a Chilean gives me a Brazilian."

Steny Hoyer, the House majority leader, has since called the appearance "an embarrassment" — but more of an embarrassment to Colbert than the House, he made clear.

Democratic strategist Chris Kofinis said Colbert's testimony was a bad idea, given the low opinion Americans already have of Congress. And David Corn of Mother Jones said Colbert made "a mockery of this hearing."

Colbert shot back at Democrats on his show Tuesday, quipping that the "Democrats' self-loathing has gotten so bad they've changed their symbol from the silhouette of a donkey to Eeyore eating a whole chocolate cheesecake."

But Stewart sounded an angrier, less satirical tone.

"Of course Colbert is more embarrassed than the House of Representatives," he said on The Daily Show earlier this week.

"Colbert still has dignity and integrity left to lose."

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▶ Comedian Stephen Colbert, host of The Colbert Report, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington last week.

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Working to keep the peace talks

Diplomat refers to 'bumps in the road' in Mideast talks But hasn't offered any glimpse of compromise

The Palestinians dug in ahead of a crucial meeting today with Washington's Mideast envoy, saying they can't be expected to continue peace talks unless Israel reverses a decision to lift restrictions on West Bank settlement construction.

Neither side seems to want the month-old talks to collapse, but Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas are publicly at an impasse, with a Monday deadline looming. U.S. President Barack Obama's emissary, George Mitchell, is making a last-minute attempt to rescue the negotiations.

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Negotiations

- **The European Union's top diplomat,** Catherine Ashton, announced she's heading to the region "as a matter of priority" after talking to Mitchell and international Mideast envoy Tony Blair.
- **Starting today,** the EU foreign policy chief will meet with Netanyahu, Abbas and Mitchell over two days to try to prevent the collapse of negotiations.
- **She reiterated** the EU regrets Israel's decision not to extend a 10-month-old moratorium on West Bank housing starts that expired this week.

Italy. Confidence

▶ The lower house of parliament's billboard shows the results of a confidence vote yesterday in Rome.

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Berlusconi hangs on

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi won a confidence vote in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. He had staked his coalition's survival on the outcome of the vote in the lower chamber of parliament. He garnered 342 of 620 possible votes.

Balloonists vanish in rough weather

Coast guards were hunting for a pair of missing American balloonists last detected piloting their craft over the Adriatic Sea in rough weather, officials said yesterday.

Richard Abruzzo and Carol Rymer Davis were participating in the 54th Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race, an annual race in which teams of balloonists try to see who can fly the farthest from a set point on a maximum of about 1,000 cubic metres of gas.

Abruzzo is the son of famed balloonist Ben Abruzzo, who, in 1981, was part of the first team to cross the Pacific Ocean by balloon, and who was killed in a small airplane crash in 1985.

Italian coast guards said a search was underway for the balloon, one of 20 that set off Saturday from the English coastal city of Bristol. Spokesman Lt. Massimo Maccheroni said the last signal received from the balloon's GPS was at 8 a.m. local time yesterday.

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▶ Two gas-fired balloons, seen ahead of the Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race.

The signal showed the craft was 21 kilometres off the Gargano coast in the Adriatic Sea.

He said helicopters, military aircraft and three boats were taking part in the search. A ground search on the coast also was underway.

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Animals seized, charges pending

Dozens of animals have been seized from a home in eastern Ontario.

The OSPCA and Ontario Provincial Police executed a warrant at a Demorestville-area home in Prince Edward County (on County Road 5 near Bethel Road).

Sixty-one dogs, six cats and four birds were found in what officials describe as unacceptable and unsanitary conditions.

The animals have been taken to the Quinte Humane Society where they will be treated and eventually put up for adoption.

The OSPCA says it is continuing to investigate and charges are pending against a 59-year-old woman.

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Man, firm hit hard by taxman

A Saskatchewan businessman and his company have been fined $20,000 for failing to file income tax returns between the years 2002 and 2007.

The Canada Revenue Agency says Glen Strong pleaded guilty recently in a Prince Albert courtroom.

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Girl saves herself in sinking car

Police say a 17-year-old girl smashed out a car window and swam to safety after the vehicle plunged into the water on Newfoundland's Burin Peninsula.

Police say the car went off the road in Marystown, trapping her.

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Prison camp horrors gave birth to songs

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▶ Francesco Lotoro has collected thousands of compositions written in wartime prison camps.

Composers held by the Nazis wrote music on wood, toilet paper

Some songs are slow, emotional, almost weepy.

Others are shockingly upbeat, as if the music lifted the composers out of the prison camps where they lived, saved them for just a moment from their horrific existence.

Songs written by victims of the Holocaust and other Second World War prisoners have had a world première at Emory University in Atlanta during a program to help raise money to collect and preserve the music produced by captives of Germany and other countries, including Japan, from 1933 to 1945.

Thousands of the songs have been collected by Italian pianist and conductor Francesco Lotoro in an effort to ensure the music is preserved for generations.

"There is a gaping hole in the musical history ... of the world. This work has to continue to fill that hole."

FRANCESCO LOTORO

Some pieces were scribbled in diaries, carved into wood and even written on toilet paper.

The music was preserved in many ways: Some pieces were passed on from person to person in camps until they were smuggled out. Some were given to family members who were safe from the Nazis. Some simply were found after the camps were liberated.

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News in brief

Serb faces jail over beating

BELGRADE, Serbia. A Belgrade court says it will sentence a former Serb basketball player to about two years in jail for beating an American student into a coma.

Miladin Kovacevic, 23, pleaded guilty to beating fellow Binghamton University student Bryan Steinhauer during a barroom brawl in 2008.

The assault, in upstate New York, left Steinhauer with skull fractures and a severe brain injury.

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Man shot after shooting cops

OMAHA, Neb. A gunman opened fire at an Omaha hospital yesterday morning, wounding two police officers who also shot him, authorities said.

Many details about the shootings at Creighton University Medical Center, including the suspect's identity, have not been disclosed.

Police said the suspect was in "very critical condition." The two officers suffered minor wounds.

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Caucasus raids target rebels

MAKHACHKALA, Russia. Police in Russia's volatile North Caucasus region killed 15 suspected separatist rebels in two raids on insurgent hideouts yesterday.

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Crews clean up diesel oil spill

MONTREAL. Crews wearing face masks worked non-stop in Montreal yesterday to clean up diesel fuel that spilled into the St. Lawrence River from a refinery belonging to Suncor Energy Inc. It was estimated the slick covered less than a half of kilometre of shoreline.

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Tiny invaders muscle up to the food table

- Quagga mussels gobbling up Great Lakes plankton
- Feared Asian carp may find the cupboard bare

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▶ Quagga mussels cover part of a wrecked boat. Scientists say the mussels are beating Asian carp to plankton.

The quagga mussel has "beaten the Asian carp to the buffet table," a scientist says.

If huge, hungry Asian carp reach Lake Michigan, their long-dreaded invasion may turn out to be less ferocious than expected because the tiny competitor is gobbling up their primary food source, says scientist Gary Fahnenstiel.

The quagga mussel has devoured so much plankton that the entire food web is being altered.

"Another invader has fundamentally changed the lake and made it inhospitable to the Asian carp," says Fahnenstiel, senior ecologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Experts fear the carp could vacuum up enough plankton to threaten collapse of the $7-billion fishery. But Fahnenstiel and others say the quagga mussel is a greater danger.

Some types of microscopic plants have declined more than 80 per cent with the mussel's arrival, they say.

But others say the carp could survive and even thrive in a plankton-depleted environment.

"They can eat other things besides plankton," says biologist Duane Chapman.

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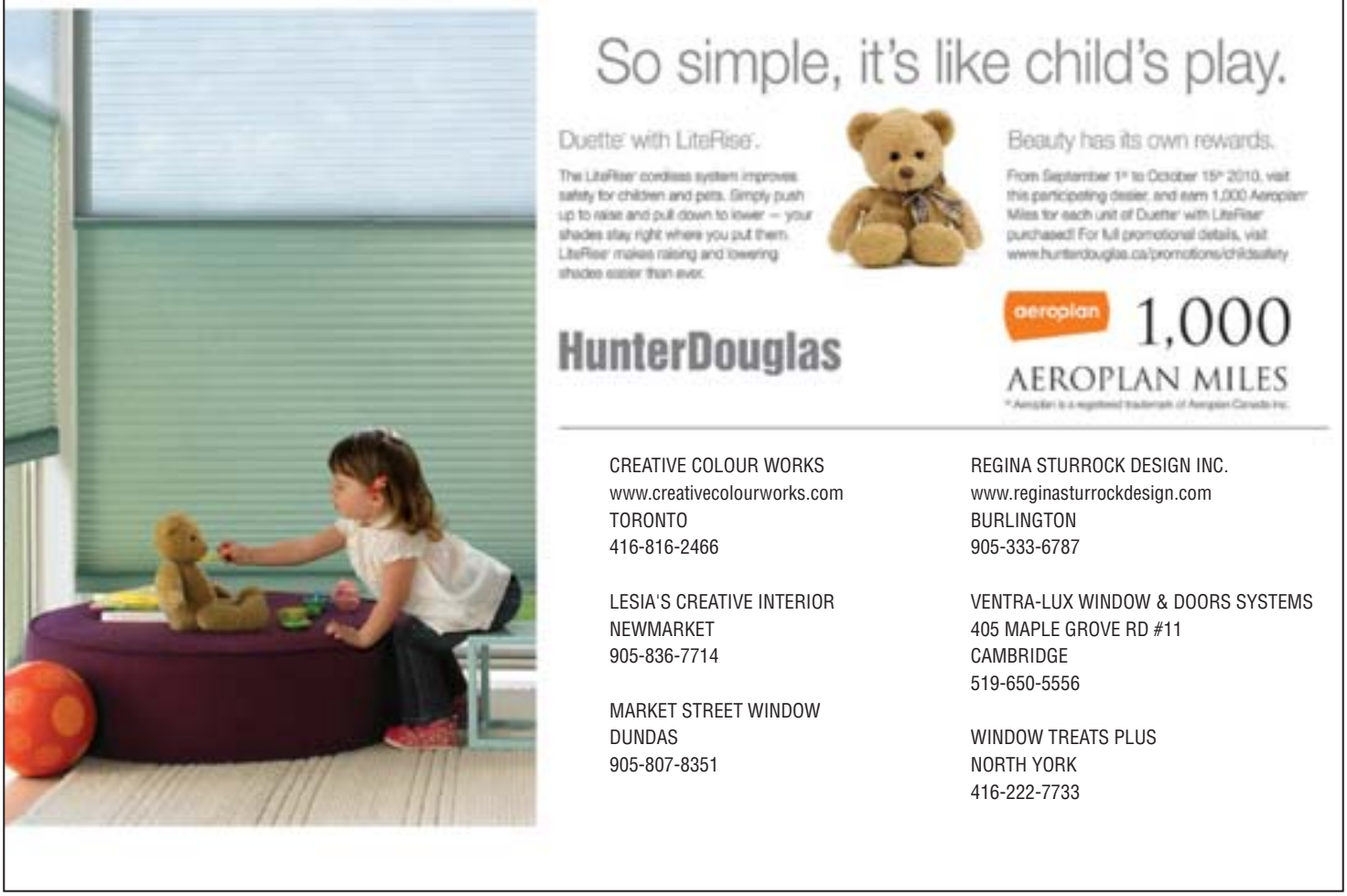
The intruders

1. Quagga and zebra mussels are believed to have hitched a ride to the Great Lakes from Europe in the ballast tanks of freighters in the 1980s.
2. They have wreaked ecological havoc and done millions of dollars worth of damage to all the lakes except Superior, where only isolated colonies are found.



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U.K. politician quits after losing to his brother

David Miliband says he's out after younger sibling Edward wins leadership of the Labour Party

Britain's former foreign secretary David Miliband said yesterday he was quitting front-line politics in the U.K. after losing to his younger brother in a battle for the leadership of the country's main opposition Labour Party.

Miliband, 45, confirmed he would not seek a position in brother Ed Miliband's alternative cabinet — opposition legislators who follow the activities of particular government departments and debate the leaders of those departments in the House of Commons.

His 40-year-old brother, Ed Miliband, won a contest to succeed Gordon Brown,

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▶ David Miliband

securing a victory by 1.3 percentage points in a ballot of legislators, party activists and about 3.5 million labour union members. David Miliband, the elder brother, had long been predicted to win the contest.

In a statement, David Miliband said he would remain in the House of Commons, but feared his presence on his brother's team would lead to constant speculation about divisions between them.

Lawmakers had until yesterday to put themselves forward for an election to win a place in the new leader's so-called shadow cabinet. The Labour Party said 49 legislators would compete for the 19 slots — but not the man described as "vibrant, vital, attractive (and) smart," by Hillary Clinton.

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▶ Iraqi security forces inspect the scene of a roadside bomb, which exploded in central Baghdad yesterday.

IRAQ POLITICAL LIMBO FUELLING VIOLENCE: U.S. GENERAL

The top U.S. commander for Baghdad warned yesterday that Iraq's prolonged political crisis has encouraged militants to step up attacks and left civilians so frustrated they could be holding back crucial tips on suspected insurgent cells.

The assessment by U.S. Brig. Gen. Rob Baker is the most direct link by American military brass between Iraq's nearly seven-month impasse on forming a government and a recent spike in violence that has included rocket strikes blamed on Shiite militias and targeted killings by suspected Sunni hit squads against security officials and government workers.

Baker's comments also boost U.S. pressure on Iraqi political leaders to finally pull together after March elections, which were narrowly won by a Sunni-backed coalition but without enough parliament seats to push aside the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki — who seeks to hold on to power.

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden called the Sunni bloc leader, Ayad Allawi, Tuesday to urge a compromise that would satisfy all Iraq's rival groups. A day earlier, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari told The Associated Press that Washington needs to take a more active role in breaking the deadlock.

Baker said he believes Sunni insurgents interpret the political vacuum as a prime chance to undermine the credibility of Iraq's leadership

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News in brief

Pedestrian killed by truck in Ottawa

ACCIDENT. Ottawa police are investigating after a pedestrian was struck and killed by a dump truck yesterday. Police say the 31-year-old woman was treated by paramedics and transported to hospital in critical condition, but she died of her injuries soon afterwards. The name of the victim was not released, pending notification of next of kin.
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Man charged in sex assault

MARMORA. A 59-year-old man has been charged with sex-related offences against a young girl north of Trenton. OPP began an investigation Sept. 14 after receiving a complaint about a man inappropriately touching the girl in Marmora.
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Trial pushed to Oct. 12

VANCOUVER. There's another delay in the corruption trial involving former B.C. government aides.
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Former senator dies

Tory political mastermind passes away at 76 Managed campaigns for former prime minister Brian Mulroney and former premier Bill Davis

Norm Atkins, a retired senator and a legendary Progressive Conservative organizer who ran some of Canada's most successful political campaigns, has died at 76. Atkins died Tuesday in a Fredericton hospital of complications connected to diabetes, said Sen. Jim Munson, who, though a Liberal, counted Atkins as a friend.

The political veteran known as Kemp to his close friends (from his middle name, Kempton) ran campaigns on the provincial and federal level over 30 years, amassing an enviable record.

He was never a household name, but for politicians, especially Tories, he was a legend through the '60s, '70s and '80s, ranking with such towering backroomers as Dalton Camp and Keith Davey, who was known as the Liberal party Rainmaker for his successful campaigns.

Atkins was adept at the arcane science of assembling and running successful political machines.
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▶ Norm Atkins is shown in this file photo.

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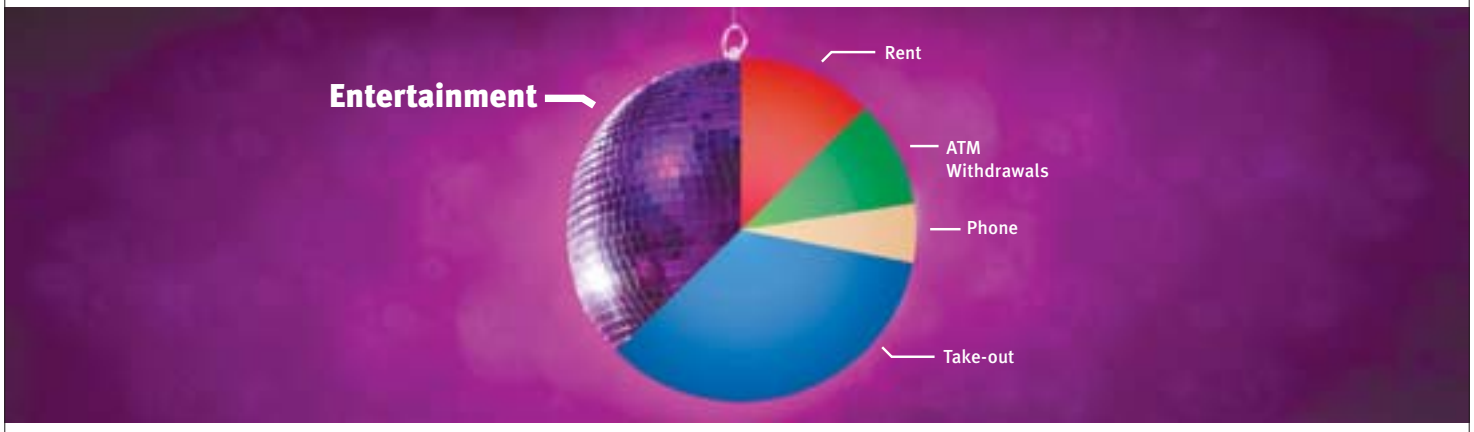

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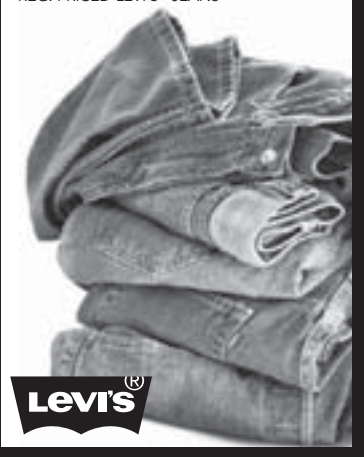

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Guantanamo detainee trial first of its kind

Civilian court trial will act as a test for other suspects

Prosecutors plan to give Osama bin Laden a starring role in the terrorism trial of the first Guantanamo Bay detainee to be tried in civilian courts, a test case in the debate over whether suspects scooped up in the war against terrorism can be prosecuted like everyone else.

Jury selection began yesterday when 53 prospective jurors were introduced to the defendant, Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, who turned briefly toward the group. He has been described by federal authorities as a bomb maker, document forger and former bin Laden aide. He's charged

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▶Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani

with conspiring to kill Americans in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. The attacks killed 224 people, including a dozen Americans, and were widely viewed as a precursor to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The trial will be closely watched by those debating the feasibility of civilian trials of high-profile Guantanamo detainees arrested around the world. Some were subjected to harsh interrogations at secret CIA-run camps where the gathering of trial evidence yielded to an immediate need to unearth terrorism threats.

The government plans to use bin Laden's words, including a television interview in which he said U.S. civilians were targets of his holy war against the West, as evidence.

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Spain. Separatist group

▶An alleged member of the armed Basque separatist group ETA is escorted by the Spanish Civil Guard in the Basque town of Billabona yesterday.

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Separatists detained

The Spanish Civil Guard have been searching for more than 100 kilograms of explosives inside a garage and detained three persons early in the morning, police said.

Earthquake rocks Indonesia

A strong offshore earthquake hit off eastern Indonesia yesterday and a local agency warned it had the potential to trigger a tsunami.

The U.S. Geological Survey said it was centred 20 kilometres beneath the ocean floor.

The Indonesian meteorological and geophysics agency put the strength at 7.4 on the Richter scale.

The were no immediate reports of injuries or damage. The area closest to the epicentre is a remote, sparsely populated part of the country.

Indonesia straddles a series of fault lines that make the vast island nation prone to volcanic and seismic activity.

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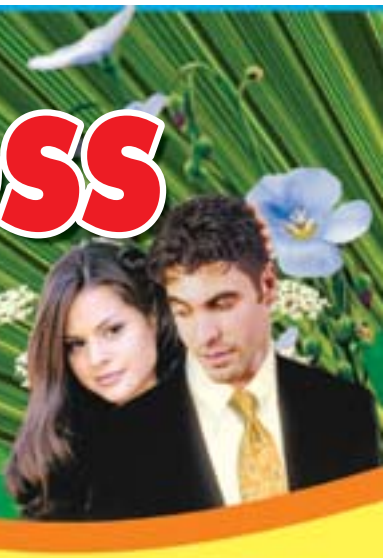

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Jury erred in convicting Black: Lawyer

Former media mogul's conviction underpinned by notion he stole money, not by disputed law: Prosecution

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▶ Conrad Black

A lawyer for Conrad Black has asked a U.S. federal appeals court in Chicago to toss out the former media mogul's conviction.

In a sometimes contentious hearing yesterday, attorney Miguel Estrada argued that, in convicting Black, jurors gave too much weight to a law that has since been deemed largely unconstitutional.

The U.S. Supreme Court curtailed so called "honest services" laws in June, so Estrada said judges should toss Black's conviction for defrauding Hollinger International Inc. investors.

Judge Richard Posner of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago repeatedly interrupted Estrada, once telling him an argument "didn't make sense."

Yesterday's hearing came two months after a judge released Black from prison pending a decision on his appeal. He had served two years of a six-and-a-half-year sentence for defrauding Hollinger International Inc. investors and obstructing justice.

One argument prosecutors made at Black's 2007 trial was the businessman deprived the company of his faithful services as a corporate officer, breaking the so-called "honest services" law.

But the U.S. Supreme Court limited the scope of such laws, leaving it to Posner and two other appellate judges in the 7th Circuit to decide whether to overturn Black's conviction in whole or in part.

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Reunion. Guess who's back

▶ Alexis McGregor, 6, a Grade 1 student at Redbud Run Elementary School in Winchester, Va., reacts yesterday as her father, U.S. Army Sgt. Jon McGregor, surprises her by showing up at her school.

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▶ In 2005, co-ordinated terrorist attacks on the London transit system — including this double decker bus — killed 52.

Terrorist plot targeted France, U.K., Germany

◗ Eiffel Tower evacuated as a precaution ◗ Terror arrest in Spain ◗ Search on for plotters in Pakistan

European security officials said yesterday a terror plot to wage Mumbai-style shooting sprees in Britain, France and Germany is still active and that sites in Pakistan — where the threat was intercepted two weeks ago — are being scoured for al-Qaida operatives.

The plot was still in its early stages and not considered serious enough to raise the current terror threat level, officials said. Still, the Eiffel Tower in Paris was briefly evacuated Tuesday, the second time in the past week because of an unspecified threat, and police were on alert in Britain and France.

Attacks

Europe has been a target of numerous Islamic terror plots:

- **Madrid.** In 2004, 10 shrapnel-filled bombs exploded on trains during rush hour, killing 191 people and wounding about 1,800.
- **London.** In 2005, suicide bombers killed 52 rush-hour commuters in London aboard three subway cars and one bus.

"This plot was in its embryonic stages," a British government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of his work told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"It is still active — but it has not raised enough alarms to change our security threat level."

It also came as Spanish authorities announced they had arrested a U.S. citizen of Algerian origin on suspicion of financing al-Qaida's North African affiliate.

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES

India confident of security

Indian authorities have deployed nearly 100,000 police officers in the streets of New Delhi and put fighter jets on standby to help protect the largest international sporting event ever held here.

Though several athletes pulled out because of security concerns following a recent shooting at a tourist site, Indian officials said they are confident they could foil any plan to attack the Commonwealth Games or the capital.

"We have elaborate security arrangements and we are ready to meet any kind of eventuality," New Delhi police spokesman Rajan Bhagat said yesterday.

The Commonwealth Games begin Sunday, with about 7,000 athletes from 71 countries and territories.

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THE DEVELOPER OF THE MOSQUE NEAR NEW YORK'S GROUND ZERO SAYS THERE IS NO CHANCE THE PROJECT WILL BE MOVED TO ANOTHER LOCATION. SCAN CODE FOR STORY

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▶ Protesters take to the streets yesterday in Madrid.

Protests sweep Europe

▶ Bailouts march across continent
▶ Strikes shut down select industries in Spain, Greece, Lithuania

Anti-austerity protests erupted across Europe yesterday as Greek doctors and railway employees walked off the job, Spanish workers shut down trains and buses, and one man even blocked the Irish parliament to decry that country's enormous bank bailouts. Tens of thousands of demonstrators marched toward European Union buildings in bright red, green and blue labour union jackets, aiming to reinforce the impact of Spain's first countrywide strike in eight years. Protests also took place yesterday in Greece, Portugal, Ireland, Slovenia and Lithuania.

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American billionaires talk charity with China

"Our hopes for this meeting were to learn about giving in China, and share our own views."
WARREN BUFFETT

Billionaire investor Warren Buffett said a meeting about charity he attended yesterday with Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates and dozens of China's super rich was "a tremendous success," despite earlier concerns the country's newly minted millionaires would be pressured to give up their fortunes.

"Our hopes for this meeting were to learn about giving in China, and share our own views," Buffett said in a news release from him and Gates late yesterday. "We had a terrific exchange of views, and learned a great deal about the good work that is already underway."

Some reports had said some invitees to the private dinner in Beijing were reluctant to attend because they did not want to be pressured.

Because of that concern, Gates and Buffett issued a letter earlier this month saying they wouldn't be pushing anyone to give up their fortunes but wanted to promote philanthropy.

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Election. Good call

▶ Nothing shady here. Thu Wai, centre, warns citizens not to sabotage the country's first polls in two decades.

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Myanmar's political etiquette

Thu Wai, centre, chairman of the Democratic Party talks on his cellphone during a campaign event yesterday in Yangon, Myanmar. Myanmar's prime minister warned citizens to protect the country's image during November elections and to prevent anyone from derailing the first polls in 20 years, state media reported.

Charest blasts Maclean's

Magazine article has ignited a fiery response throughout Quebec

Premier Jean Charest is tearing a strip off Maclean's for its description of Quebec as the most corrupt province in Canada.

In a scathing letter to the magazine, Charest asks Maclean's to apologize to Quebecers for an article he describes as a "twisted form of journalism and ignorance."

This week's cover of Maclean's calls Quebec "the most corrupt province in Canada," with an image showing the jolly Bonhomme Carnaval mascot clutching a briefcase overflowing with cash. The premier says the article discredits the magazine.

"I'm writing in regards to your sensationalist 'feature' on Quebec," reads the opening line of the two-page letter dated Sunday and addressed to Maclean's editor Mark Stevenson.

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"Far from serious journalism, which is supported by facts and evidence, your article tries to demonstrate a simplistic and offensive thesis that Quebecers are genetically incapable of acting with integrity."

PREMIER JEAN CHAREST, IN A LETTER TO MACLEAN'S

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▶ Premier Jean Charest

EU. Legal action

▶ Romanian Roma women Julieta Moise, left, and Maria Bacanu, right, are seen in Barbulesti, Romania.

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France to be punished

The European Union announced yesterday it will take legal action against France over its expulsion of more than 1,000 Roma in recent weeks after their improvised settlements were destroyed and they were rounded up to be flown home. But as France carries out mass expulsions in a broadly condemned policy of ethnic targeting, some returnee Roma are saying homegrown poverty is better than the seething hostility they face on French streets.

Woman confesses to acid splash hoax

Charges

Storro faces theft charges. Prosecutors say she spent part of the money donated to cover her medical bills.

Her face was red and blotchy but largely unbandaged as a 28-year-old Vancouver, Wash., woman appeared in court to plead not guilty to charges arising from her false claim that a stranger splashed acid in her face.

Bethany Storro has confessed that she made up the story about the facial burns she suffered Aug. 30.

She's since said she put drain cleaner on her face trying to kill herself.

Her court appearance was the first time she had been in public since a hospital press conference Sept. 1 when her head was covered with bandaging.

Yesterday, she had one small bandage on her nose.

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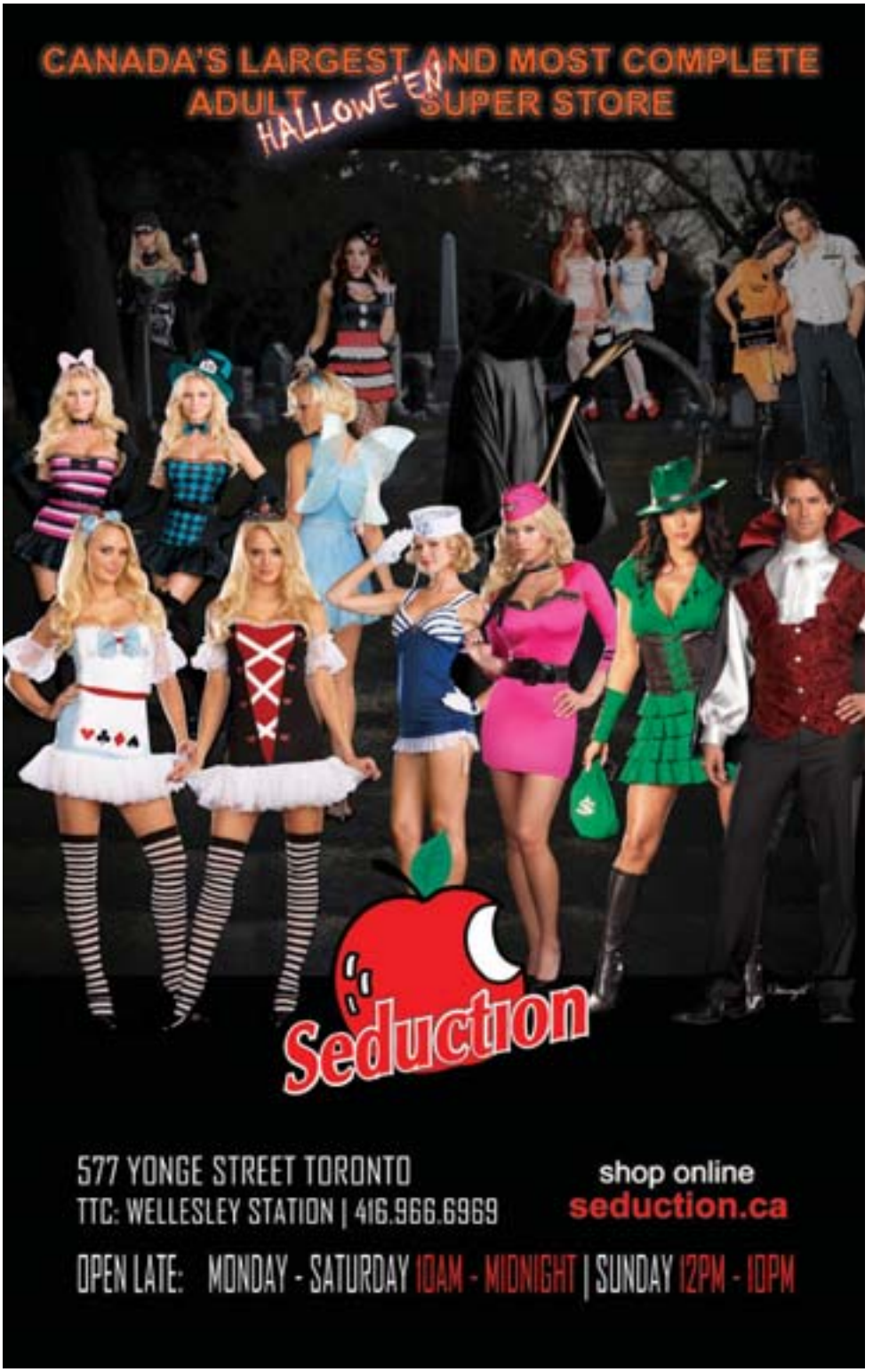

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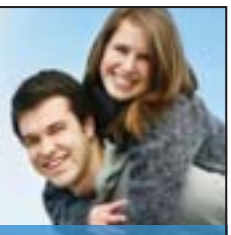

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Neighbours rally around hurricane site

Residents of Trouty, N.L., heartened by outpouring of support after hurricane Igor' destruction

Amid scenes of destruction and despair since hurricane Igor hit, there were also flashes of Newfoundland's unique spirit — tales of kindness and ingenuity that made the last week a bit easier to bear.

Long before the military rolled into Trouty, local men and women had used telephone poles and planks to build a footbridge.

For a week, it was the only link they had to get food and water over the whitewater torrent that Trouty Brook had become in the powerful storm.

The sheer force of the rain-swelled waterway bisecting the town wiped out the bridge, tore through the main road and swept homes from foundations.

"It has been unbelievable, everyone helping each other out."
NOEL MILLER, LOCAL RESIDENT

Noel Miller, 22, said the tiny village — its population fluctuates around 60 — came together in a way that made all the difference.

"It has been unbelievable, everyone helping each other out. People from down Trinity and Goose Cove and Dunfield coming around and building a little bridge to get across the brook here. And coming with food from all over the place — trucking it in, lining up assembly lines and getting it across the river, going around carrying it from door to door.

"It is just unbelievable the good they were doing."

Josephine Johnson, whose family owns the Trinity Bake Shop, gave away all the baked goods she had in the store along with all her milk and eggs.

Residents watched with relief as the military arrived Monday to build a temporary bridge over the brook.

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▶ North Korean army officers dance during celebrations yesterday for the re-election of leader Kim Jong Il to the ruling party's top position.

Kim Jong Il's son primed for power

Some speculate Pyongyang could seek calm period on the international front to ease transition of power

North Korea's ailing leader Kim Jong Il has laid the groundwork for a transition of power to his youngest son but it remains to be seen if the reclusive nuclear-armed regime will soften its combative stance toward the international community.

The impoverished nation has long used both carrots and sticks to get what it wants: Offering dialogue and promises to dismantle its nuclear program to get aid, and when it runs into resistance, conducting missile and atomic tests and threatening to destroy rival South Korea. Analysts see little prospect of that strategy changing.

This week's elevation of Kim Jong Il's youngest son, Kim Jong Un, as a four-star general and to a key position in the ruling communist party signalled that the little-known 20-something is on track to eventually succeed his 68-year-old father, believed to have suffered a stroke in 2008.

Underscoring Kim Jong Il's intent to consecrate his family's dominance was the promotion of his sister, Kim Kyong Hui, to the same military rank and into the party's political bureau. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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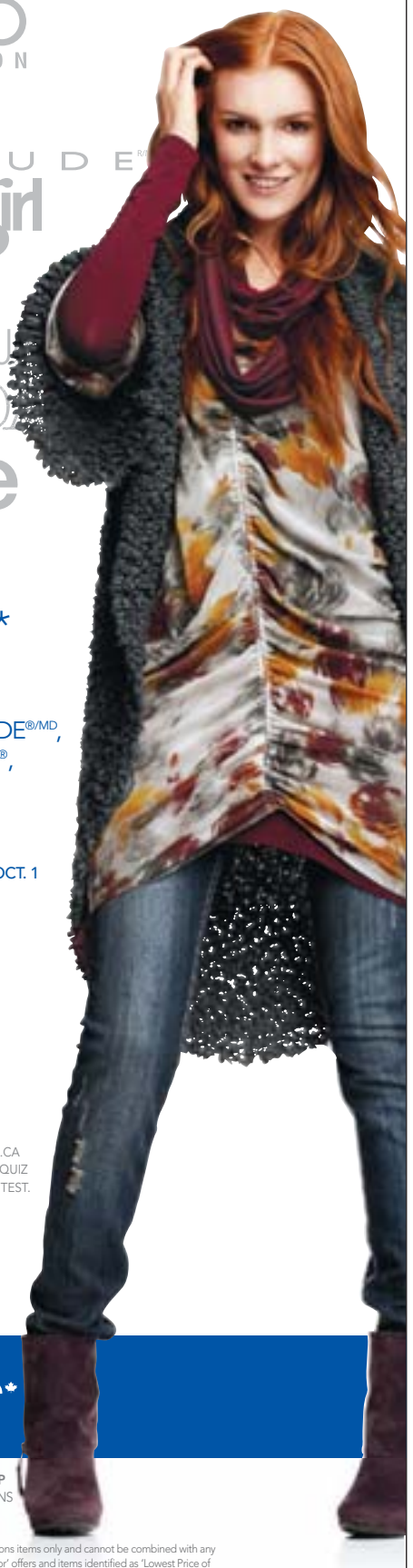

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AILING

Carter stays one more night in hospital

Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter, his book tour interrupted by an upset stomach, will spend a second night in an Ohio hospital after doctors recommended additional observation, a hospital spokeswoman said yesterday.

Carter's medical team continues to observe his progress, said Christina Karas, spokeswoman at MetroHealth Medical Center.

"President Carter is in very good spirits, appreciates all the good wishes being sent his way, and looks forward to getting back to his busy schedule," Karas said. She said she didn't expect further updates yesterday.

Carter's publisher cancelled scheduled events in Washington yesterday, including one at the Smithsonian Institution, to promote his new book, White House Diary. The status of an event planned at a Columbia, S.C., bookstore today was not immediately clear. Carter's grandson said Tuesday his grandfather was doing fine.

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Family helping her cope with treatment

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▶ Janis Ollson poses with her family outside their Balmoral, Man., home earlier this week.

Manitoba woman dealing with life after radical cancer surgery

Janis Ollson's cancer called for radical treatment: Surgeons cut her skeletal structure in half, removed a leg and part of her pelvis, and put her back together again.

Then she had to learn to get around with a wheelchair, crutches and prosthetics. All this while raising two small children and fielding calls from reporters around the world who want to talk to the "cut-in-half" woman.

It's an ordeal that could sour anyone, but Ollson has used her love of family to see the silver lining.

"I heard a statistic that one in four (people) will get cancer, and me and my husband and my two children are four, so that's how I put it into perspective," she said.

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Fearing violence, India bans bulk texts

- Government fears unrest before court ruling on disputed religious site
- Razing of holy shrine caused mass riots, deaths in 1992

India has imposed a countrywide ban on sending bulk text messages amid concerns that a potentially explosive court judgment on who should control a disputed holy site could spark unrest, a top official said yesterday.

The Allahabad High Court is scheduled to rule today in the 60-year-old case on whether the site in the town of Ayodhya should be given to the Hindu community or returned to the Muslim community to rebuild the 16th-century Babri Mosque that was razed by Hindu fanatics in 1992.

Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said yesterday the bulk texting ban was temporary but did not say how long it would remain in effect. He said some people were found to be sending messages in an attempt to incite others.

The ban on bulk texting — sending messages to many cellphone users simultaneously — was first imposed last week, when the verdict was initially due to be given.

The fight over the compound has shaken the core of modern India and led to repeated outbreaks of bloody communal violence.

Rioting after the razing of the mosque in 1992 killed 2,000.

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▶ Photographers take pictures of volunteers releasing a white pigeon, symbolizing peace, ahead of the verdict.

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TECHNOLOGY

Kobo adds Wi-Fi to newest e-reader

Electronic bookmaker Kobo says it's developing an e-reader with Wi-Fi wireless connectivity — a feature that has been lacking from the Canadian-born competitor in the hotly contested market.

The new platform should help Kobo and its bookseller partners, including Toronto-based Indigo Books & Music, to close the performance gap with Amazon's Kindle electronic book devices.

Kobo originated as a wholly owned operation of Indigo but has been spun off as an independent company developing a global electronic reading service with ties to the Borders book chain in the United States and other retailers.

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Vehicle sales bounce back

Canadian purchases of new and used vehicles are on track to set a record this year, indicating a sharp rebound from the dismal sales of 2009, according to the latest global auto report by Scotia Economics.

The bank said yesterday it expected overall vehicle sales in Canada this year to edge out the current record, set three years ago before the recession and the bankruptcy filings of GM and Chrysler.

4.3M The current record for car and light truck sales is 4.3 million, set in 2007.

If the rebound in new-vehicle purchases by Canadian consumers continues at its current pace, it could drive overall car and light truck sales to a record 4.4 million units.

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RIM looks to carry smartphone torch

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▶ The BlackBerry Torch is displayed during a product introduction in August.

- Official defends new BlackBerry
- Device's tech specs lacking: Critics

There was a lot of advance hype for the BlackBerry Torch before its specs were first released in August, and even a few predictions that it could challenge Apple's mighty iPhone as the best smartphone on the market.

Then there was disappointment.

Yes, Research In Motion seemed to have combined the best of both worlds for smartphone users, by marrying a cool touchscreen interface with the user-friendly QWERTY keyboard and security infrastructure the Canadian company is known for.

But tech geeks lamented that the internal gadgetry inside the Torch didn't surpass — or even match — the specs of some of the competitors already on the market, namely the iPhone 4. The letdown just fuelled already rampant talk that RIM was losing its competitive edge in the smartphone space. The worst critics suggested RIM was slipping down the road to ruin.

The Torch is now being released in Canada starting today, about seven weeks after its U.S. launch, and BlackBerry's director of marketing admits it doesn't out-tech the competition. But the Waterloo, Ont.-based company doesn't see that as a problem, and thinks the average plugged-in consumer — geeks aside — will be impressed.

"The fact that it's not the iPhone is perhaps not a killer weakness. In some markets it may even be an advantage."
DUNCAN STEWART, DELOITTE'S DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH FOR TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

"You have to draw a line in the sand at some point and say, 'OK, these are the internal specs that we're going to stick with,' knowing that potentially there could be products out there in the market at the same time that have higher specs. But you kind of have to make the decision," said Michael McDowell in a recent interview.

RIM is crafting its marketing campaign to suggest the Torch will be the phone of choice for cool tastemakers. Commercials highlight how DJs, photographers, surfers and rugby players might use the device. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Consumers spending less, stunting growth

Today's report on gross domestic product in July expected to show first decline since August 2009

Consumer confidence in Canada fell for the fourth consecutive month in September, sending a further signal that household spending is becoming a weak link in economic growth.

The Conference Board of Canada's consumer confidence index fell 1.2 points this month to 78.1 — more than 18 points below where it stood at the beginning of the year.

"Consumers have taken notice of the slowing pace of economic recovery," the Ottawa-based think-tank said in its analysis of the survey of 2,000 consumers earlier this month.

Since spring, the recovery has been losing steam with growth rates near two per cent annualized, compared with 5.8 per cent in the first three months of 2010 and 4.9 per cent at the end of 2009.

Today's report on July gross domestic product is expected to show the first outright decline in GDP since last August.

But Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, while agreeing July GDP may show a contraction, said the economy is on track.

"In July, a lot of things happened in Canada like the introduction of the HST (harmonized sales tax) in two of the largest provinces ... so there are reasons for that. Overall, we're on track for the year," he said.

Ontario and British Columbia introduced the new sales tax July 1, while Nova Scotia raised its HST by two percentage points, triggering a retail sales slide in those provinces.

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Overall, consumer confidence dropped in all regions except Atlantic Canada, with British Columbia recording the biggest decline, 7.7 points.

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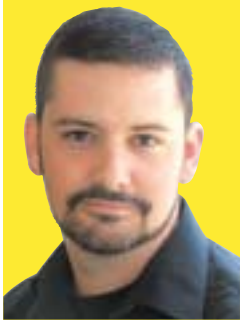

I'm training to run a half-marathon in October and it's changed my life. The magazines tell me so in their colour-filled, glossy pages.

My heart rate is improved. My self-esteem and confidence are at a new high. Coffee tastes better, people smile at me on the street, and I'm no longer racist. My parallel parking has improved, I can use a urinal even with other people around, and I've just about cured cancer.

And happy?! People in running mags are so happy, just like me. They always have great teeth they show off as they run, keeping them white and clean through constant wind exposure.

It's because these people have taken control of their lives.

That's what the mags say. Taking control is always stated as an intrinsic positive, even though deciding to eat Big Macs every day or committing to a daily regime of smack would qualify as taking control, too.

As you have perhaps surmised, I'm a little less gung-ho than your average running mag model, the sort who treat running as a full-fledged religion complete with conversion and redemption. *Join us.*

I enjoy running, but I'm not that far gone, partially because I'm not very good. I have *never* smiled when running — the look on my face ranges from passing a gallstone to passing out to passing on.

"I enjoy running, but I'm not that far gone, partially because I'm not very good. I have *never* smiled when running ..."

Running is supposed to offer a sort of endorphin-fuelled pain relief, but I mostly find that my lazy pains have shifted into new locations for active-people pain, kind of like a cartoon character who throws a hot potato between his left hand and his right hand.

I'm also about as light on my feet as those AT-AT walkers from The Empire Strikes Back. If you were just listening to my footfalls you'd swear I was wearing flippers.

No, I take different lessons from running than, "Things are super now!"

Here's my inspirational running story: I run. I don't really go anywhere, I end up back where I started, but I'm happy to have gone. Pointless, yes, but better than just sitting there, right?

If I can't find the symbolism in that my Grade 10 English teacher would be very upset with me.

It's better for me to do almost anything than lie stagnant on my couch. Unless The Empire Strikes Back is on. That's different. It changed my life.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Room service in space

Worth mentioning

The view is out of this world

GETTY IMAGES

A Russian firm yesterday announced an ambitious bid to fill the vacuum in the space tourism market by stationing an orbiting hotel in the cosmos.

The Moscow-based Orbital Technologies has sky-high hopes that its planned Commercial Space Station can serve as a tourism hub for well-heeled travellers and offer overspill accommodation for the International Space Station and workspace for science projects.

But it's unlikely to come anytime soon — the company wants to launch a seven-room station by 2016, but may increase or decrease that capacity based on customer demand.

Sergey Kostenko, Orbital Technologies' chief executive, told The Associated Press the planned station would be "a comfortable hotel in orbit, designed specifically for tourists."

Until now, space tourists — a handful of megarich CEOs and philanthropists — have had to suffer the indignity of hitching a ride with astronauts and cosmonauts to the International Space Station and float around the space laboratory trying not to break anything.

Now, or at least soon, they will have a place to gawk at the view in private.

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▶ All for one: Neil Young and Daniel Lanois teamed up to make Young's new solo album, Le Noise

Neil Young's new album is personal

Produced by Daniel Lanois, Le Noise is full of interesting sounds and experiments

Some of your louder rock 'n' roll bands can make the Ryman Auditorium floorboards rattle a little. Few, though, have shaken the pews like Neil Young with just his electric guitar.

Young has been known to make a racket with a distinctive guitar sound that has influenced two generations of musicians. The low rumble he sent through the foundation at the Ryman in June, employing the technology he used on his new Daniel Lanois-produced album, Le Noise, was something very different, however. In the audience, the air seemed to vibrate — as well as the listener's ribcage.

It was that sound that drew Young to Lanois, whose all-star collaboration list includes U2, Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan and Peter Gabriel.

What emerged from those recording sessions is new, even for the ever-restless Young. Le Noise is full of interesting sounds and experiments, on both acoustic and electric guitars.

In a sense, it's Young as he first emerged as a performer — alone with his guitar singing about things completely personal and wholly universal. But 45 years worth of technological advances make it a very different experience. Lanois' setup allows Young to inhabit all the spaces that a band would — high guitar notes, low bass notes, the rhythm, the melody — simultaneously.

"I think it's a — I don't know — a spiritual record in some kind of ways," Young said. "There's a lot to do with love on the record. Love is in almost every song, and so it had a spiritual layer to it. It's not trying to do anything. It's just trying to be itself."

Peaceful Valley Boulevard is cast in the mould of classics like Aurora Borealis and Cortez The Killer, showing how mistakes made centuries ago grow and magnify over time until God cried tears that were a "pounding rain" and "a child was born and wondered why."

And then there's the brittle and beautiful Love and War, on which Young lays down this shocking statement: "When I sing about love and war, I don't really know what I'm saying."

Isn't that a profoundly confusing statement from the artist who gave us Ohio and Impeach the President?

"It's such a deep subject and there's really no one answer," he said. "There's nobody who really knows. It just seems to be a part of the human condition is to get in wars over and over again for as long as human beings have been around. So I have opinions but I'm not so sure that they're right." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In brief

Betty White will join Saturday Night Live cast members when they toast Tina Fey with the nation's top humour prize at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

White will join SNL comics and alumni Fred Armisen, Jimmy Fallon, Seth Meyers and show creator Lorne Michaels in awarding Fey the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor on Nov. 9.

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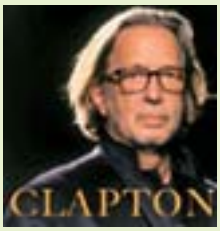
Turning up the noise

Neil Young
Album: Le Noise
Label: Reprise/Warner

It's about time Neil Young turned to an outside producer. The godfather of grunge's last few CDs have all sounded like they were made in his basement, which is probably pretty much close to the truth. One of Young's most endearing qualities has always been that Raggedy-Andy rawness. Still, things were getting out of hand. So, yeah, everyone was excited when uber-producer Daniel Lanois (U2, Bob Dylan, Peter Gabriel, etc.) invited Young to his L.A. mansion for some sessions. The two Canadian legends hit it off. Lanois presented Young with an acoustic guitar specially loaded with a plethora of effects. The venerable rocker took full sonic advantage, sitting down and spewing forth echo and feedback on eight new songs. The result is jolting — just Neil and his guitars with Master Dan creating a sound so thick you can step into it. There are times (It's an Angry World, Rumbling) when the atmospheric loops conger visions of Young's experimental Trans period. Some songs give us a peek into his life. On Hitchhiker, he even lays open a lifetime of drug exploits. On other tracks (Peaceful Valley Boulevard), the clarity of his guitar recall gentler Young moments. Don't expect any Harvest Moon here, though. There's an underlying darkness that true fans will love, but occasional travelers will shun.
Outstanding track: Hitchhiker
GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM



Eric Clapton
Album: Clapton
Label: Reprise/Warner

As the Hoagy Carmichael song goes, he's "chained to his old rocking chair." Luckily for Eric, he's got a few friends sitting around with him helping him pass the time – like J.J. Cale, Steve Winwood, Allen Touissaint, Derek Trucks, Sheryl Crow and Wynton Marsalis. This is a master growing old gracefully with his favourite friends and collaborators. Nothing flashy here. This is an eclectic and ultimately tasty batch of 14 tracks.
Outstanding track: River Runs Deep
GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Ben Folds and Nick Hornby
Album: Lonely Avenue
Label: Nonesuch

The teaming of literary genius Hornby and piano geek Folds reads like a match made in heaven. Having previously crossed paths, the celebrated novelist supplies the words to the musician's voice and supple piano arrangements. The result is as harmonious as one would expect, with Folds crooning colourful character sketches about a porn-addicted metalhead and a pitiful, lovelorn one-hit wonder.
Outstanding track: Belinda
CAM LINDSAY

Ice Cube
Album: I am The West
Label: Lench Mob

As many movies Ice Cube does, he'll always be remembered as Dr. Dre's partner in seminal rap group N.W.A. His solo career has been hit and miss, but he's made somewhat of a comeback in recent years. His latest won't be his defining moment of the 2000s — it's a wishy-washy record of old school rap. There are too many plodding beats and mundane rhymes, but tracks like Life in California, with its swipe at Jay-Z and Alicia Keys, saves this disc.
Outstanding track: Nothing Like L.A.
BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Kenny Chesney
Album: Hemingway's Whisky
Label: BNA

Over the last few years Kenny Chesney has transformed into the Jack Johnson of country music. His laid-back surf vibes hit a climax on the sleepy Lucky Old Sun and while the tunes may have been nice to listen to on a lazy day, they were pretty weak compared to the country star's previous stuff. The mood hasn't changed dramatically, but fortunately, he does revisit his rock country roots. The disc is one of his more diverse.
Outstanding track: Round and Round
BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Johnston seemed comfortable with steamy video

Levi Johnston was "very comfortable" with the subject matter of a music video that reportedly led to his break-up with Bristol Palin, says the Canadian who directed the shoot.

The steamy clip for Brittani Senser's After Love, which will debut Saturday in the U.S. before being made available online, casts Johnston as a lover whose relationship is hobbled by his girlfriend's disapproving mother.

Palin and Johnston called off their second engagement in August after he told her he may have fathered a baby with another woman.

The 19-year-old daughter of former Alaska governor Sarah Palin told People magazine that the "final straw" was when Johnston travelled to Hollywood to star in a music video mocking her family.

Toronto-based director Evan Winter, who crafted the concept and helmed the video, said that Johnston had no issues with the material.

"No, actually, not at all," Winter said.

"He seemed very, very comfortable with the material."

Sarah Palin was chosen as John McCain's vice-presidential running mate in August 2008. The following month, on the opening day of the Republican National Convention, it was announced that Bristol Palin was pregnant and engaged to Johnston.
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▶ Brittani Senser and Levi Johnston (top) are shown in a scene from Senser's video After Love.

Notice of Completion of Environmental Project Report

Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility for New Streetcars

The Project

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission have completed an Environmental Project Report in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 for the Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility for New Streetcars and Leslie Street Connecting Tracks Project.

Background

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission have ordered 204 new streetcars (Light Rail Vehicles) which will provide significant customer service improvements:

- Low-floor accessibility for people with disabilities, seniors, families with strollers, bicycle storage;
- Almost double the passenger capacity of current streetcars;
- Multiple doors and a proof of payment system to increase the speed of boarding and exiting; and
- Design enhancements to reduce noise and vibration.

A new Maintenance and Storage Facility is required to support the new streetcars which will begin to replace the current fleet in 2013. One hundred of the 204 new streetcars will be stored at the 8.6 hectare Ashbridges Bay site, located at the southeast corner of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Leslie Street. Connection tracks to the Facility will be constructed on Leslie Street from Commissioners Street to Queen Street (0.8 kilometres). Streetcars will access the Facility, operating on these tracks in mixed traffic, in order to preserve access to all Leslie Street properties.

The Process

The environmental impact of this transit project was assessed and an Environmental Project Report prepared according to the Transit Project Assessment Process prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings.

The Environmental Project Report for the Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility for New Streetcars and Leslie Street Connecting Tracks Project will be made available for a 30-day review period beginning September 30, 2010 on the project website: **www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/lrv** and at the following locations:

Locations for 30-day Review Period

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100 Queen Street West, 10th Floor
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5160 Yonge Street, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M2N 6L9
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118 Jones Avenue
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Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Assessment &
Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
416-314-8001/1-800-461-6290

There are circumstances where the Minister of the Environment has the authority to require further consideration of the transit project, or impose conditions on it. These occur if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- The transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or
- The transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project that he or she may receive within 30 days after the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report is first published.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the project documents and provide comments by October 30, 2010. Comments and concerns may be directed to the project contacts listed below. If you have unresolved concerns, you have the right to submit an objection to this transit project to the Minister of the Environment no later than October 30, 2010 **(135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5; Fax: 416-314-7337; E-mail: Minister.moe@ontario.ca Attn: Minister of the Environment)**. Although not required, a copy of the objection is requested to be forwarded to the Director and project contacts listed below:

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Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

Issue Date: September 30, 2010

TV Picks

Baby reveal on Grey's

DRAMA Meredith on Grey's Anatomy finally reveals her pregnancy secret to Derek. While it's anybody's guess as to how he'll react to the news, the episode title - "Shock to the System" - might provide a clue. (CTV, ABC)

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A Michael and Toby truce?

COMEDY On The Office, Corporate forces Michael into counselling with Toby (Global, NBC); Community sees Jeff reconnecting with a former law-firm colleague who is a bad influence (guest star Rob Corddry) (Citytv, NBC) and over at 30 Rock, Liz is shocked when more men start noticing her. (Citytv, NBC)

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TV is coming out

GLAAD report finds that 3.9 per cent of TV actors now appearing in gay, lesbian and bisexual roles

The number of gay and bisexual characters on scripted broadcast network TV has risen slightly this season to 23 out of a total of nearly 600 roles, according to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

The 15th annual Where We Are on TV report released Wednesday found that 3.9 per cent of actors appearing regularly on prime-time network drama and comedy series in the 2010-11 season will portray gay, lesbian or bisexual characters.

That's up from three per cent in the 2009-10 season. The increase in 2008-09 was 2.6 per cent.

Only six of the 23 gay and lesbian characters this season are non-white, GLAAD found.

Using information provided by ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC and CW, the group reviewed 84 scripted series announced to air this season.

The only original programming announced by the gay-focused cable networks here! and Logo is unscripted, alternative programming, so they were not part of this year's character count, GLAAD said.

Primetime pride

- **Brave bloodsuckers:** The ever-popular HBO vampire drama True Blood comes out on top of GLAAD's report, featuring the most gay, lesbian and bisexual main characters (six) on a mainstream TV show.

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▶ Chris Colfer, right, plays the openly gay son of character Burt Hummel, played by Mike O'Malley on right, in the Fox TV series Glee

While the number of broadcast drama series featuring regular or recurring gay characters is unchanged from last year, the number of comedy series has increased from eight to 11, including new comedies Running Wilde (Fox) and Hellcats (CW).

ABC led the networks in gay representation, with 7.2 per cent or 11 regular characters out of a total of 152, followed by Fox with five out of 100 (five per cent).

On mainstream cable channels, the number of regular characters rebounded to 35 after a two-year decline.

HBO features the greatest number of gay and bisexual characters, with 10 regular and recurring characters.

The group found that the HBO drama True Blood is the most inclusive series on television, featuring six characters.

The overall increase in gay characters ``not only reflects the shift in American culture towards greater awareness and understanding of our community, but also a new industry standard that a growing number of creators and networks are adopting," GLAAD President Jarrett Barrios said in a statement.

He pointed to such programs as ABC's Modern Family and Fox's Glee as indicators that ``mainstream audiences embrace gay characters and want to see well-crafted stories about our lives."

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▶ Oprah Winfrey

Canada gets OWNed

The Oprah Winfrey Network will make its Canadian debut next year

Corus Entertainment says it's finalized a deal that will bring Oprah Winfrey's health and relationship channel north of the border following the U.S. premiere on Jan. 1, 2011.

Called OWN (Oprah Winfrey Network) the channel will largely target women age 25 to 54.

The lineup will include the evening talk show Oprah's Next Chapter, Behind the Scenes: The Oprah Show Final Season, and the reality show, Why Not With Shania Twain, which will chronicle the ups and downs of the Canadian country music star.

Winfrey is set to wrap up her weekday syndicated talk show next year after its 25th season.

Other shows bound for OWN include Rosie O'Donnell's return to daytime TV with The Rosie O'Donnell Show, `Oprah Presents: Master Class, 0In the Bedroom with Dr. Laura Berman, and Gayle King Live!

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Was Palin booed on Dancing?

▶ Palin

Dancing with the Stars host Tom Bergeron says the hit ABC show will air footage during Tuesday's episode that shows that loud boos from the audience were directed at the show's three judges, not at Sarah Palin.

Palin had a front-row seat in the ballroom to watch her daughter perform on Monday's episode. Just before Bergeron sat down to do a brief interview with the former vice-presidential candidate, boos were heard off camera. Several media outlets as well as `Dancing'' fans reported that the noise was directed at Palin.

But Bergeron said it was all about the judges, who had given three eight scores to first-place couple Jennifer Grey and Derek Hough.

Audience members are encouraged during commercial breaks to voice their feelings about the judges' scores.

Producers plan to show about 45 seconds of uncut footage from another camera angle during Tuesday's episode to clarify for whom the boos were intended. The host said that this is the first time in the show's history that this measure will be taken.

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Lone Star gets axed

Fox network says its prime-time soap Lone Star is being pulled off the air after just two airings.

Replacing the little-watched new show is the psychological crime drama, Lie To Me, which begins its third season next Monday at 9 p.m. EDT. Although Fox didn't officially cancel Lone Star, its fate seemed sealed after Monday's episode, the audience of which was even smaller than the 4.1 million viewers who had watched its premiere a week earlier.

Praised by critics, the show featured newcomer James Wolk as a charismatic Texas con man living a double life with two beautiful women. With the dire news from Fox on Tuesday, Lone Star became the first casualty of the fall TV season, which is little more than a week old.

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Top model mix-up

The winner of Australia's Next Top Model gave a heartfelt acceptance speech in a live finale — before the host realized she had announced the wrong name.

On Tuesday night host Sarah Murdoch named 19-year-old Kelsey Martinovich the winner of season six of the Fox Television reality show.

Minutes later, her hand over her face, Murdoch made an awkward apology. The actual winner, as voted by television viewers, was 18-year-old Amanda Ware.

Murdoch said the wrong name was fed to her earpiece.

The network said Wednesday that Martinovich will get 20,000 Australian dollars and a trip to New York — which are also part of the winner's prize — as compensation for the blunder.

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Sol Guy talks social change at TEDx

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▶ Hi-hop artist k-os, right, and manager Sol Guy

Sol Guy is an MC with the Rascalz and manager to K'naan, but it's his humanitarian work that brings him to Toronto this week to speak at the TEDx Conference.

Taking place today at the Glenn Gould Studio, the conference brings together some of the city's commubity leaders and change-makers from around the world.

What will you highlight during your speech?
I'm really interested in the relationship that exists between arts and culture, business and social change and the continued evolution of it. And currently I think we're in a very unique time as media relates to business and its relationship affecting the world.

What's prevented this from happening?
The things that will pop out and lead us in a new direction have yet to be pinpointed. There are so many people ready to do so many amazing things. Yet there's not enough unity around it. I think you have to change the language and change the approach with which you decide to engage in these things. If you have the courage to do that we have the chance to do something pretty amazing.

Your War Child organized trip and documentary in Africa in 2000, was a pretty life changing experience for you.
There was nothing there that was as I thought it should be. I'd never been anywhere where there was a war. And I'd never been anywhere where the people who had been through so much were such amazing human beings who were willing to forgive and go forward. It forced me to examine my value system and where I wanted to focus my energy.

Is that what inspired you to form online community 4Real?
I felt very disconnected from the people I met there. I took that experience and I started to (think) how I could improve upon it. When entertainment and activism meet its usually a nauseous train-wreck. We wanted to bring different celebrities around the world and connect them with these young people doing amazing things to change their communities and make it about us going there as anything but a student.

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The evolution of David Suzuki

Environmental scientist teams with director for new film Forces of Nature Project combines 'last lecture' with biographical details

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▶ Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie opens in theatres this Friday.

When David Suzuki first teamed up with acclaimed filmmaker Sturla Gunnarsson to make a movie, the environmental scientist imagined it being something "like Avatar."

"What he ended up doing was nothing like what I had in mind," said Suzuki during an interview in Toronto. "(My proposal was to) go through the evolution of the solar system, the planet, the evolution of life and the appearance of humans right up to the present. Of course that was a pretty grandiose idea but Sturla evolved something absolutely different."

What did evolve was Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie (in theatres this Friday), a unique film that combines the Canadian icon's so-called "last lecture" with stirring biographical digressions that help inform his innovative thinking.

"The ideas were engaging and a lot of them are still there but as our discussions evolved and David's character emerged, I just became more and more interested in him as a human being," said Gunnarsson. "What started out being more of a scientific environmentally-themed film became more of a humanist drama."

"I thought the problem was the humans were too much of an intrusion on the environment. (But) there is no environment out there; there's no separation ... every one of us is the environment." DAVID SUZUKI ON DISCOVERING HAIDA CULTURE

While Suzuki's life story is extraordinary, one of the film's pleasures is indeed learning how the legend simply discovered his love of science — playing in a local swamp. "(That) magical place for me is now entombed in a big parking lot and shopping centre — it's gone," said Suzuki adding that today's obsession with consumerism may be environmentalism's biggest challenge.

"Those opportunities to contact with the natural world are just diminishing very rapidly and if you don't love nature, you're not going to fight to save it," said Suzuki. "This is one of the major crises of our time."

For a good cause

- eOne Films (which is distributing Force of Nature) will donate $1 of all ticket sales to the David Suzuki Foundation during the first two weeks of the film's release.

Lindsay Lohan back in rehab

Troubled actress plans to stay at California live-in facility until her next probation hearing in October Starlet recently posted $300K bail

Lindsay Lohan reportedly made good on her plans to head back to rehab after posting $300,000 US bail and getting out of jail over the weekend.

The troubled starlet is now in a Southern California live-in facility, where she plans to stay until her next probation hearing on Oct. 22, according TMZ.

"The plan always was for her to go back into rehab and hopefully it will work for her this time around before her next court date," friend and photographer Tyler Shields tells Radar Online. "We all hope and pray that she can recover. I've always said that she is not a criminal, and that she needs rehab and not jail at this point in her life." METRO

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Nick Cannon looking for birthday sponsors

Nick Cannon is hoping to throw a lavish 30th birthday party for himself, but he's hoping someone else will pick up the tab.

Cannon's camp is reportedly soliciting sponsors for parties in New York and L.A., according to the New York Post.

"This is an extremely exciting opportunity to sponsor a fun and lavish event. Opportunities range from gift bags and signage to tweets and photo ops," an e-mail obtained by the newspaper reads.

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Brangelina kids make a French connection

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's youngest kids, twins Knox and Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, reportedly spend so much more time with their French au pair than their parents that they speak more French than English, according to Life and Style.

Their famous mom isn't so worried, though: "Angie encourages it," a source says. "She's always been obsessed with the idea that educated people speak French as a second language." METRO

Duff goes the distance for hockey husband

Hilary Duff admits her new marriage to NHL hockey player Mike Comrie is facing one major obstacle: distance.

"Now he's gone and I'm like, 'No, you left me too soon! What's happening?' That kind of sucks," she says tells Access Hollywood. "We're used to that long distance thing and we're going to figure it out. It means a lot of traveling for me this year, but that's OK." METRO

Celebrity tweets

Justin Bieber [@justinbieber] another amazing day... pet a cheetah...check it off the bucket list. wow

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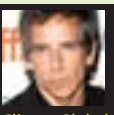
Britney Spears [@britneyspears] John Stamos is still hot! He looks the same as he did on Full House!



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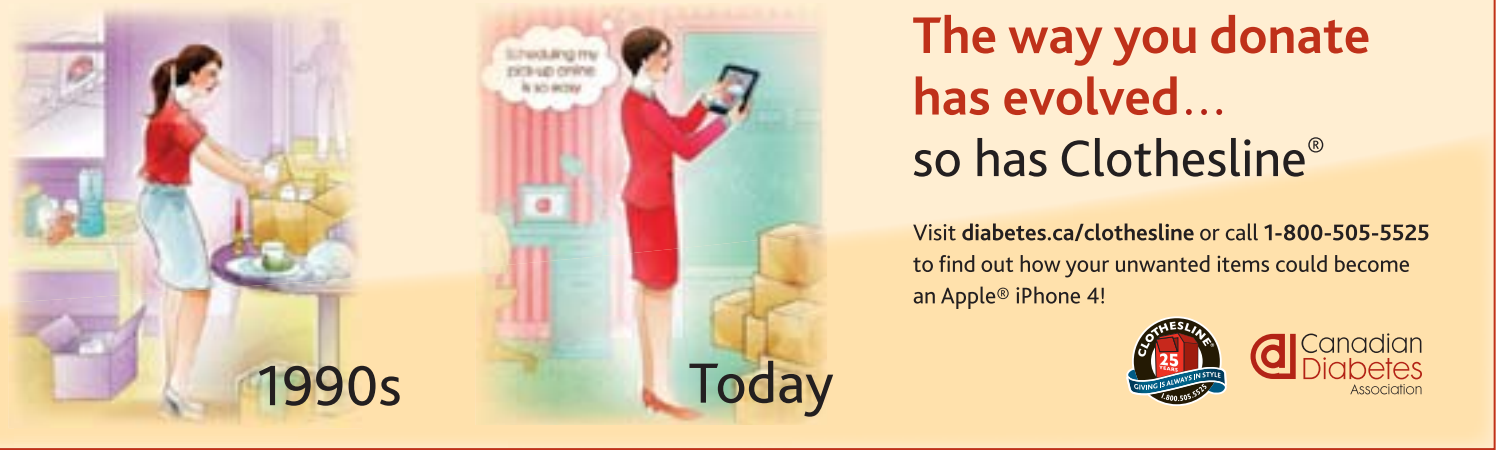

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White Lace

Milan Fashion Week was a parade of delicate white lace starting with Brioni and ending with Dolce & Gabbana. For his first collection as creative director of Brioni, Alessandro dell'Acqua created polished, belted lace, longer length dresses that were a soft counter-balance to his tailored separates.

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Alive and well: Milan is back on track for the spring-summer 2011

Trendspotting in Milan

As Italy's fashion week nears a close, certain trends have become obvious
Take a time machine back to the '70s, grab some bright colours and don't forget the stripes and graphics

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1 THE SEVENTIES AT ETRO, FENDI AND BLUMARINE

No matter which part of 1970s fashion you prefer, there's a boatload for everyone to choose from. It seems that Milan's designers have mined every nook and cranny of the time period: Fendi's romantic silhouettes, Etro's heavy use of totally seventies mustard, Blumarine's more flamboyant, over-the-top bell bottoms.

2 EYE-POPPING COLOURS (ESPECIALLY ORANGE) AT MAX MARA, EMPORIO ARMANI AND JIL SANDER

Bright colours like pumpkin, hot pink, candy apple red and emerald green and up-beat combinations of them all gave an overall feel-good, summery tone to the collections. The week's standout examples were Raf Simons' statement skirts paired with white t-shirts at Jil Sander, Max Mara's blazing hot separates (the trousers had slits up the leg) and Emporio Armani's retro, flared cocktail dresses.

3 STRIPES AND GRAPHICS AT PRADA AND VERSACE

Bold, Baroque prints, lean silhouettes and Josephine Baker references (a Paul Colin illustration, a banana skirt) made Prada an early standout in the graphics department. Meanwhile, Versace gave a fresh interpretation of the stripes trend by distorting them.

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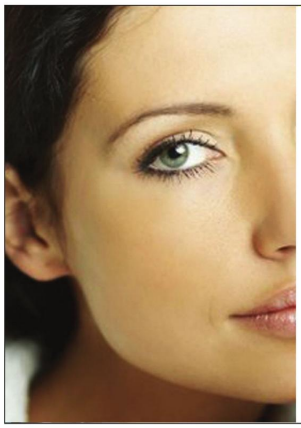

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The ghost of Yves Saint Laurent

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If the fashion weeks in New York, London and Milan made anything clear, it's that fashion is having a serious 1970s obsession. Technically, that obsession began in France.

Why? Because the runway season has been filled with references to Monsieur Yves Saint Laurent.

Whether it be his billowing dresses, peasant blouses or bold colour palette, his influence stretches far and wide this season.

Whether or not the Paris shows continue this '70s trend remains to be seen. But we can assure you that Saint Laurent's ghost will still be in the air thanks to the new documentary about the couturier L'Amour Fou.

It features never before seen footage of the designer and explores his relationship with his on-again-off-again lover and business partner, Pierre Berge. The film will surely only deepen fashion's nostalgia for the icon and his work.

▶ Two outfits from Limi Feu's show during Paris Fashion Week.

Limi Feu

The closing series of evening dresses were the highlight of this show, which was dominated by stark black and white dresses and separates.

What made these dresses stand out was the absence of all of the froufrou one expects from evening wear.

The dresses, such as a simple pleated black gown with a plunging V-neckline, were simple and yet displayed Feu's flair for draping, volume and complex construction.

These are all skills that she shares with her father, Yohji Yamamoto.

Dries van Noten

Last season's parade of army green, violet and leopard prints was replaced by a strong, precisely constructed collection of separates in relaxed, oversized proportions and soft pastels and floral prints.

Always a favourite among fashion's top editors, this collection had plenty to choose from for those women who want to look modern but don't want to be a slave to trends.

The collection was an intelligent interpretation of spring dressing.

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▶ A model shows a creation, part of French designer Pierre Cardin's Spring-Summer 2011 ready to wear fashion collection, presented in Paris, yesterday.

Cardin goes back in time for inspiration

- Spandex, polyester and sequins all over Frenchman's 'Timeless'
- Designer sticks to his 'own style'

Pierre Cardin, the man whose Space Age garments catapulted him to renown in the mid-1950s, shot back into the stratosphere yesterday with a marathon ready-to-wear collection of what the designer called "timeless pieces."

"Timeless" because the cat suits in fluorescent spandex that opened the show — with plastic rings that stood out from the body at the waist, elbows, wrists and knees — harkened back to the designer's debut more than half a century ago. The interminable parade of lampshade dresses and polyester power suits that followed looked as though they'd been dug up out of the label's archives from the '60s and '80s.

The collection, which was suffocating in spandex and drowning in sequins, highlighted how very thin the line is between fashion's cutting edge and its polar opposite. While some of the looks echoed recent retro-futuristic offerings at red hot labels like Balenciaga or emerging Indian designer Manish Arora, Cardin served them up without a hint of irony, with an earnestness that in the cynical world of fashion tends to make people look away in embarrassment.

The 88-year-old designer wasn't reinterpreting his work through today's ironic lens and high-tech fibers, but serving it up straight, polyester and all.

And so it was that people chatted or fiddled with their cellphones or even catnapped during the never-ending show, which was held in the sprawling Espace Pierre Cardin, in Paris' tony 8th district.

Backstage after the show — which did, eventually, end with a gaggle of brides' gowns that looked as if they'd been made out of the curtains from an airport hotel — Cardin said it was his duty as a designer to remain faithful to his trademark style.

"I'm like a painter, a writer, a musician, I have my own style. I don't copy anyone, and really it's more the others who copy me," he told The Associated Press. "What was young and fresh 40 years ago is still young and fresh today."

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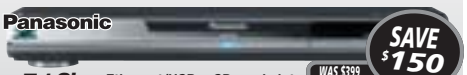

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▶ Models display creations by Italian designer Marco Zanini's ready to wear spring-summer 2011 fashion collection for Rochas, presented in Paris, yesterday.

Modesty equals sexy for Rochas

Rochas would undoubtedly be the label of choice for a character in a Visconti movie about to check into a sanatorium in the Alps for the bracing mountain air.

The Paris-based fashion house served up yesterday a sumptuous spring-summer 2011 ready-to-wear collection of modest dresses and pyjama suits that proved you can dress like your grandma and still be at the very peak of fashion.

Marco Zanini — the label's half-Swedish, half-Italian creative director — said he'd looked to Scandinavia's rigorous esthetic for inspiration.

"I find the modesty of certain Swedish people the key to elegance," he said.

Long-sleeve, button-down blouses in naive prints depicting Swedish villages were paired with matching skirts that hit at mid-calf. Plain-fronted dresses in navy were cut wide and left nearly everything to the imagination.

Printed doo-rags and black knee socks topped off the show's "un-sexy is the new sexy" spirit.

Still, hidden beneath that modest facade, there was a hint of decadence that recalled the Baroque undercurrent of films by Italian master Luchino Visconti. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chinese pottery inspires Noten

The show might have been held on the docks of the Seine River, but the scent of the South China Sea enveloped Dries Van Noten's ravishing spring-summer 2011 ready-to-wear collection yesterday.

Kimono shirts in flower-printed silk were paired with wide-legged trousers, and the classic men's button-down shirt — ever a cool-girl staple — morphed into skirts. It was what a cool young Parisienne might wear if a weekend visit to her boyfriend in Hong Kong turned into a weeklong stay and she had to raid his closet.

The collection managed a perfect melange of ladylike sensuousness and relaxed chill, and the fabrics reflected that — with a magpie's mix of sequins and high-sheen Lurex-shot knits and workaday cotton canvas in white and khaki.

Noten, whose gift for colour has made him a critical darling and won him legions of devoted fans, said the collection was born out of his search for "a beautiful fabric."

"We started looking at Chinese pottery, which is something that I've always loved," the Antwerp-based designer told The Associated Press in a backstage interview. "The colours started quite bright, so then we started to bleach them away."

The result were nightgown dresses in navy silk, with a hothouse of oversized flowers in fuchsia that fade to white at the hemline. A boyfriend-cut jacket in canary yellow drained into a bleached-out white at the shoulders.

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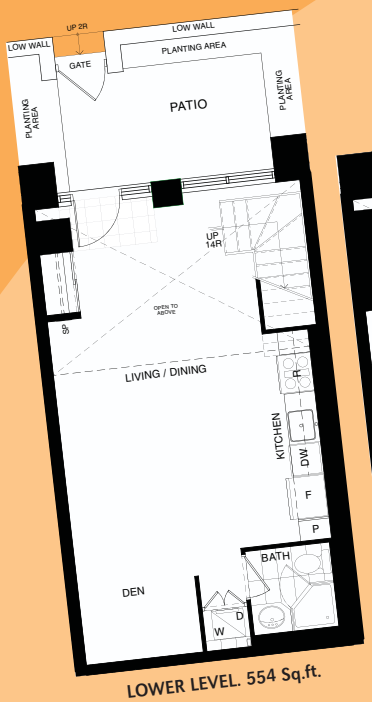

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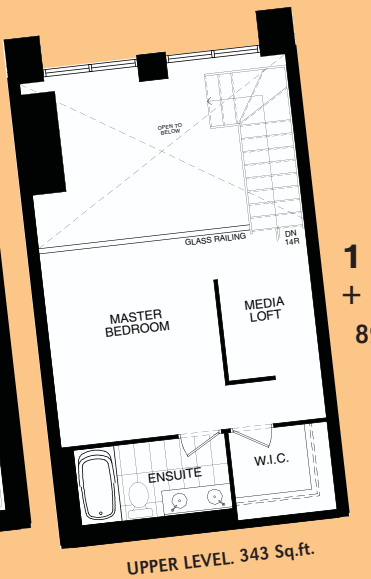

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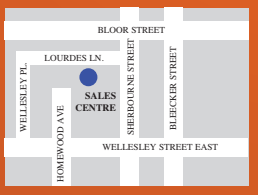

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HOMES IN STYLE

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As the season changes from summer to fall with the days getting shorter and the weather getting cooler, we naturally start spending more time indoors, and the urge to create a warm and cosy atmosphere at home instinctively kicks in for many people. So how can you add a dose of autumn to your home?

Decorator, stylist and host of HGTV's Pure Design, Samantha Pynn, says the quickest way to inject that fall feeling into your home is by switching up decor accessories just as you switch up your wardrobe from summer to fall.

"Think about vases filled with autumnal coloured florals, a giant wood bowl laid on a coffee table, a chunky knit throw on the sofa, giant potted mums at the front door and cosy new bed linen," she says.

As for a colour palette, adding warmer, richer colours — deep reds, burnt oranges, golds, browns and mochas — like those outside, signify that fall has arrived. The same goes for fabrics. Opt for lusher, plusher and warmer throws, pillows and linens.

According to Samantha, come autumn, the key to decorating is to pack away anything that feels cool and summery. "Put away the summer patio trays and drinking pitchers, pull out the soup tureen, the warm duvet, blankets and throws," she says.

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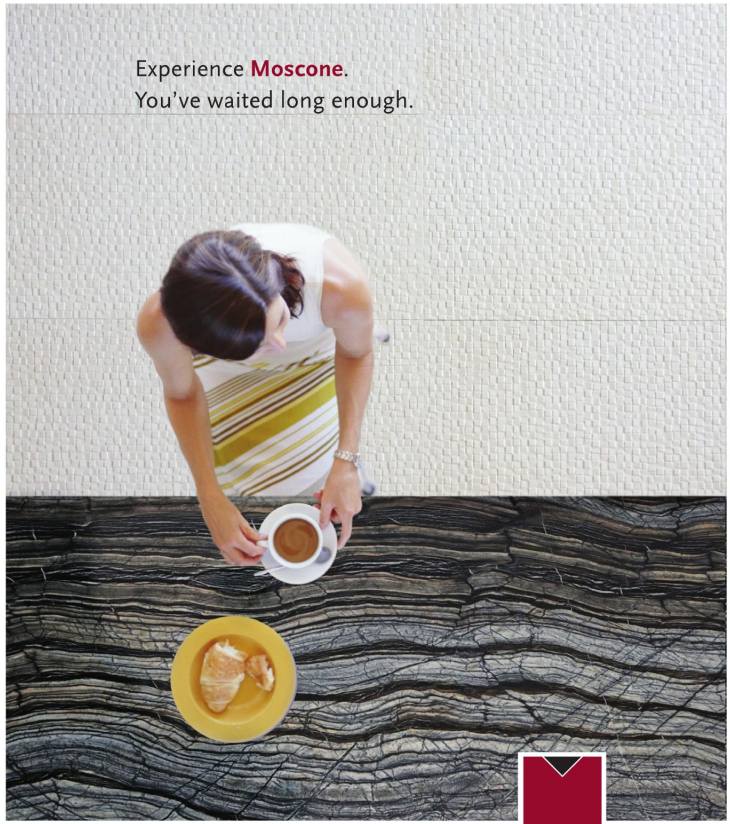

Let your decorator side shine at the home show

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▶ Check out some fall decor themes at the Fall Homes Show.

Thrifty is in and green is groovy at this year's Fall Home Show

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The annual Fall Homes Show, which runs today through Sunday at the Better Living Centre at Exhibition Place, is celebrating money-saving solutions that save the environment as well. Show manager Tina Holmes says the event is about more than new products and ideas for the home, it's a place meant to stir up inspiration.

"People are very passionate about their homes and I enjoy the fact that whether you're revamping the kitchen counter or changing your light fixtures the whole process makes you love your home," Holmes said.

This year Melissa Davis, designer on the TV show Marriage Under Construction, is partnering with Habitat for Humanity's ReStore building supply centres. Davis says used fixtures and furniture can often be an amazing way to add character to a home.

"The No. 1 thing people ask me is, 'How do I make my house more homey?' People never consider the fact that they could pick up a used kitchen or other space they would like. These pieces come with a history already – they've already been lived with," Davis said.

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Top designer goes eco

Decorator Candice Olson says more and more people are concerned with earth-friendly products

DECOR MOMENT

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This week I give up my decorating spotlight to bring you some insider thoughts about decorating with Canadian interior designer Candice Olson.

She's got the No. 1 decorating show on HGTV (U.S.) and her show Divine Design can be seen on the W Network in Canada every Thursday night.

Candice is as friendly and charming in real life as she is on television; and she's got a wicked sense of humour.

I caught up with her last month and was surprised to learn that her rooms are not only well decorated, but often incorporate many eco-friendly and hand-made products.

What design style are you best known for?

My look tends to be contemporary, parred down clean lines with a huge factor of comfort. I don't like cold, sterile rooms so I like to use natural materials like natural fabrics and cork.

How does that differ from personal decorating style at home?

I actually like modern style, but love to incorporate the element of hand-made into a room. Handmade items bring a sense of personal style and offer a look that no one else will have.

One of a kind items like sculptures, carved wooden bowls, baskets and artwork help to define a homeowner's decor personality.

What are your clients requesting these days?

My clients are becoming increasingly more concious about earth-friendly products and are very savvy to incorporate them into a room's design.

Although I have suggested products like cork flooring for many years, its popularity and acceptance has been increasing tenfold over the past while. Earth-friendly decorating products don't have to look hippy-granola; can you imagine cork flooring made to look like modern wooden planks or concrete tiles?

This type of stuff is really exciting to me.

What are a few of the fall decor trends that you will be following?

▶ Watch Candice Olson's Divine Design Thursdays on the W Network.

Clean, curvy lines and a touch of glamour are often added to my rooms; and I am also making an even greater effort to encourage eco-friendly products to my clients.

There are some incredibly stylish products for the home that are also good for our planet and as a designer, it's my job to educate my clients about what not only looks good in a room, but is good for our environment.

• You can see Candice live. Visit the Fall Home Show, Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto today at noon on the main stage. She'll be highlighting and showcasing the latest flooring products for the home.

A SPECIAL REPORT PRESENTED BY KING WEST

The best is yet to come for King West

Canderel Stoneridge Launches DNA3; Final Phase to Redefine Condo Buyers' Expectations

Credited with leading the King West condo boom, Canderel Stoneridge's award winning developments at King and Shaw called DNA and DNA II are condo legends. Launched five years ago in what was then an uninspired and somewhat forgotten part of the city, DNA helped spur the revitalization of this former industrial neighbourhood, creating, in the process, Toronto's hippest new residential destination.

With an edgy brand and a marketing program aimed at young urban professionals, Canderel Stoneridge's DNA condominiums pioneered the neighbourhood with an innovative approach to development that offered contemporary residential architecture and design, upgraded standard features and finishes, and a compelling mix of retail at grade.

"DNA I and II are legendary projects in Toronto condo lore," says Canderel Stoneridge's VP of Sales & Marketing, Riz Dhanji. "They generated incredible hype and buzz when they were launched, demonstrated the viability of the neighbourhood as they were occupied, and, today- with the highest resale values of any condo in the King West pocket- have shown themselves to be a smart and savvy investment."

Given DNA's legacy of success it was only a matter of time before the developers introduced the third and final phase, aptly named DNA3.

"Although it's the third project in our trilogy, it's definitely the best," says Riz Dhanji. "Building on the same principles that defined its sister buildings, DNA III takes condominium living in King West to a whole new level. From its architecture to its amenity package, to its retail component, we've pushed the envelope; even the presentation centre is bigger and better than its predecessors."

At more than one million dollars, and over 7,000 sf, DNA3 Presentation Centre takes the concept of a condo sales centre to a whole new level! With a new approach to the purchaser experience, the DNA3 sales centre recreates, for visitors, an authentic condo experience (from the replicated elevator and corridor space to the full model and 'outdoor' amenity display).

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In the Presentation Centre, purchasers will be able to explore a fully finished model suite and experience DNA3's litany of high-end, contemporary finishes designed by Cecconi Simone. Continuing the brand's reputation for giving buyers standard features that would be considered 'upgrades' at most other condos, each suite will boast contemporary and European designed kitchens complete with quartz countertops, European appliances, and an integrated refrigerator. Master ensuites offer, among other features and finishes, a Cecconi Simone custom sink and vanity, sandblasted glass surrounding the mirrored cabinet, and contemporary fixtures.

Every residence at DNA3 includes engineered hardwood flooring throughout the main principle rooms, 9' ceiling heights, and expansive balconies.

Priced from the $180,000's to over $400,000, units at DNA3 will range in size from 340 square feet for a studio design to over 900 square feet for a two-bedroom-plus-den unit.

Residents will have access to over 6000 square feet of amenity space including a fully-equipped training gym complete with exercise studio, yoga room, his and hers change rooms, and Toronto's first "Rain Room." Other amenity features will include an outdoor landscaped terrace with "misting station", private party rooms, a games room with bar and lounge, theatre room, and a business centre.

And while luxury and lifestyle are the prime focus at DNA3, the developers have recognized that a fulfilled urban experience must address issues of conservation, sustainability and healthy living, as well. Therefore, DNA3 boasts an impressive commitment to its "eco-tecture' including green roofs, low–e glass for efficient heating and cooling, dual flush toilets, energy efficient light fixtures, and individual utility metering.

"We have always been proud of the legacy of DNA and our place in shaping the King West condo boom," says Riz Dhanji. "But while our history looks good, the future of DNA looks even better!"

DNA3 is now open. The sales office is located at 1030 King St. West at King and Shaw. Call 416-929-1030 or log onto www.dnacondos.com

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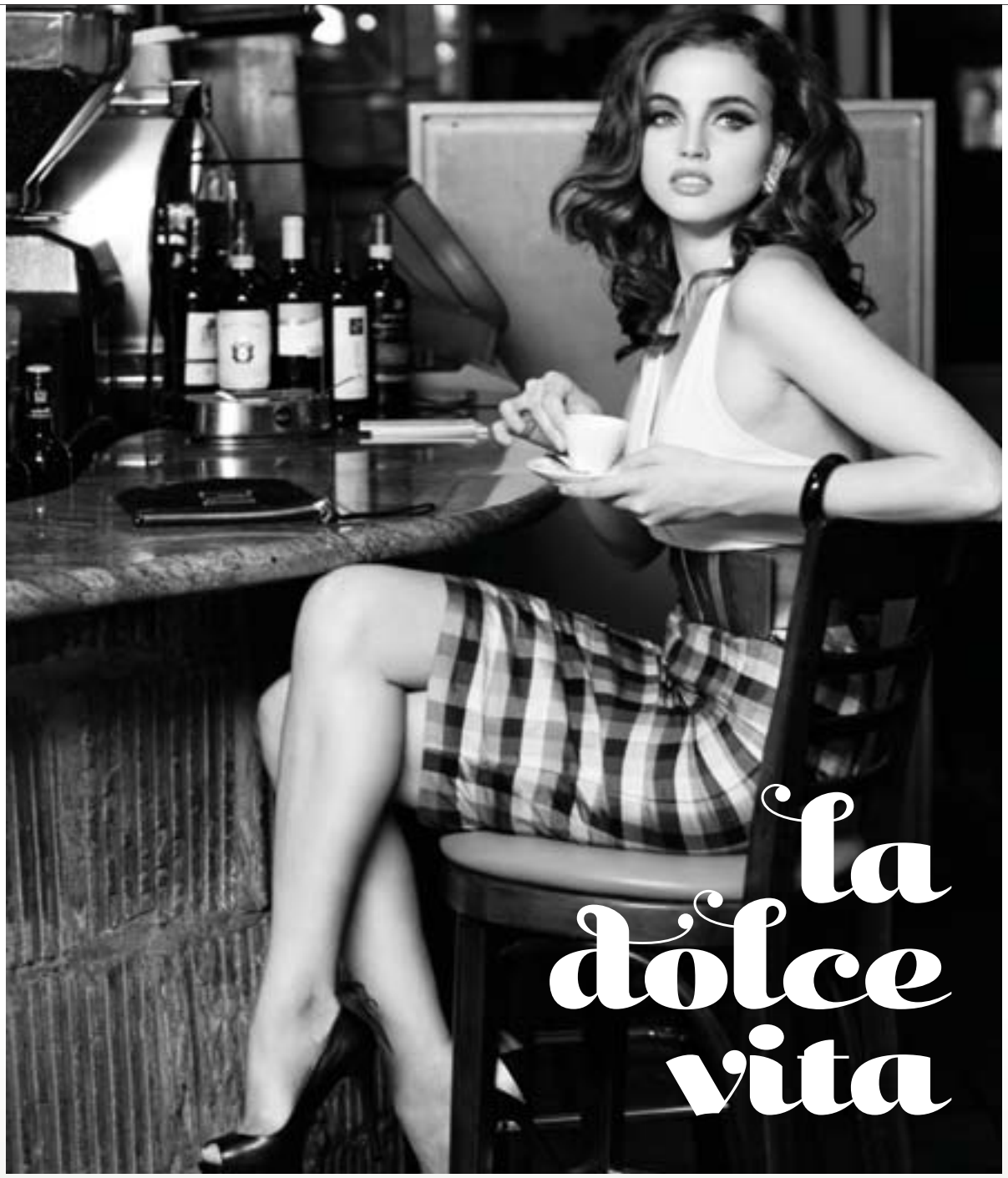

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▶ This product image released by Graham and Brown shows Basso and Brooke's Alphabet wall covering. Numbers and letters are hot off the press this season in decorative items.

Typography hits the right letter this fall

Numbers and letters are hot off the press this season in decorative items, dishware and soft furnishings

Typographic decor spans a variety of styles, from vintage — in the form of letterpress or old correspondence imagery — to clean-lined modern graphics, often using bold text or individual symbols.

Before designing dinnerware, Christopher Jagmin was a graphic designer. "I love and appreciate the art of typography," he says. "We're all surrounded by it every day. We type on computers, we're aware of it on advertising, billboards, magazines and on television."

His numbered plates are creating a lot of buzz — there's something really artsy about these symbols on a crisp white ceramic plate. Jagmin agrees: "I think that breaking down words to the simplicity of a letter or a number, we see the true beauty and art of a font, and its basic elements."

San Francisco designer Rae Dunn stamps clay cups and plaques with the sparest of phrases; the result is both charming and evocative. "Tres Bien" and "Oui," say sweet little cups. "C'est la vie," shrugs a plate. And the homespun phrase "Home Sweet Home" becomes something special when pressed into creamy clay and embellished with a little bee.

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▶ Palette Industries' laser-cut word chair.

CHRISTOPHER JAGMIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Christopher Jagmin's numbered porcelain plates.

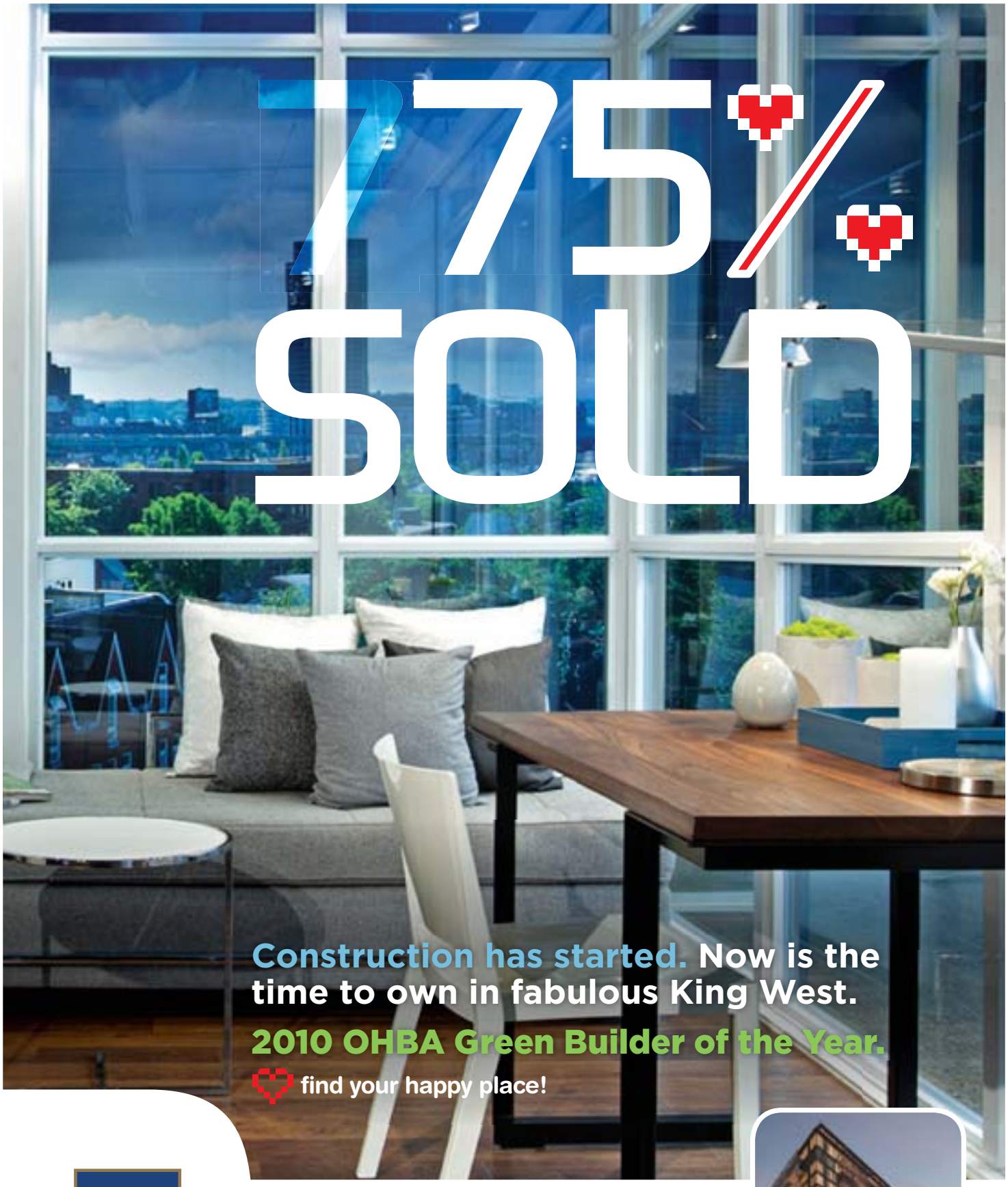
DONNA WILSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Donna Wilson's "Blah Blah" mini blanket.

Samuel Ho, Nathan Tremblay and Ian Campana comprise the Calgary design firm Palette Industries. Their limited-edition Dharma lounge chair has a seat formed of the laser-cut words "Stand, Forget, Breathe, Acknowledge and Observe," atop sleek chrome legs. Their Camus floor lamp has a veneer shade laser-cut with Albert Camus' quote, "You cannot create experience, you must undergo it."

Walls can support a variety of strong graphics, and are a perfect place to play with numbers and letters. Flamboyant, innovative fashion designers Chris Brooke and Bruno Basso have ventured successfully into wall coverings with "Alphabet," a lacy, intricate pattern of Greek letters in a palette of sophisticated tone-on-tone and softly contrasting hues.

And finally, Donna Wilson plays with the whole concept by scripting "Blah Blah" across a soft, cosy blanket. Well said, Ms. Wilson. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Old-time styling is in this season

Poet Percy Shelley wrote, 'There is a harmony in autumn, a lustre to its sky.' It's especially true in decor this fall

Rich, interesting hues, textiles and materials work in concert to welcome the season when we all move back indoors.

As Gary Friedman, CEO of Restoration Hardware, says, "We're coming out of a very modern, minimalist moment in design into a period where people are responding to a mix of historic periods and classical references."

Designers and retailers are offering furnishings inspired by late 19th- and early 20th-century Europe and America. You'll find warm colours like plum, mustard, persimmon, teal and charcoal. The newest wood finishes are often hand-turned, hand-rubbed to a lustrous glow. There are details such as tufts, nail heads and evidence of artisanal handiwork.

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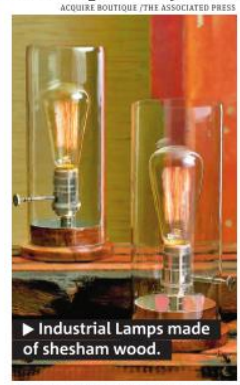

▶ Industrial Lamps made of shesham wood.

Linens are high weave, with patterns that reflect tapestry and embroidery.

And in tabletop, we're seeing lots of painted ceramics, vintage industrial objets d'art and basketry.

New wall art includes reproduction antique merchant signage, folk art and bracketed shelves for collectibles.

This trend is all about feathering the autumnal nest with more traditional things, which evoke the past and spark conversation.

Boston-based Nikki Dalrymple's Acquire design studio and store has a great industrial lamp made of shesham, glass and nickel that holds a vintage style Edison bulb. It hits the antiquarian chic trend square on, and would complement any of fall's new decor.

The old days never looked as fresh and new.

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Legal Matters

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BACKYARD ACCESS

In May of 2007 we added a gate and set of retractable steps to our back fence, which borders on the (unused) yard of a building owned by an educational institution. We have used this to bring in heavy items and let our dogs into the yard (many other neighbours and dog walkers use this yard). Today the educational institution planted some trees in front of the gate. Do we have any hope of a legal course (emergency exit perhaps) or are we out of luck (as I suspect)?

Your suspicion is correct. Unless you have a registered right-of-way over the property that abuts yours, technically your use of the lot, whether deserted or in full use, would be considered trespassing. This does not mean that reasonable heads may still prevail. If you are providing a service to the institution by keeping an eye on the property, perhaps the powers that be may be willing to allow you to move the tree and thereby continue what appears to be harmless access to the lot. However, it is in their discretion to decide yes or no.

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Make the most of your shower

Sometimes there's nothing better than a warm shower at the end of a long day to help you de-stress and relax. But a cramped space or a cold, sterile bathroom can add to your stress rather than help alleviate it. Delta Faucet offers some quick and easy tips to help improve your shower experience and maximize your comfort so you can start or finish your day in the best possible way.

Space in showers can sometimes be limited and can quickly turn your otherwise relaxing time into a frustrating one. A curved shower bar can provide up to 30 per cent more elbow room and is quick and easy to install. If your bathroom lacks colour or personality, a new shower curtain can instantly breathe new life into the dull space.

Scents are a powerful thing. They can instantly help to soothe and relax you. When looking for a body wash or soap, don't underestimate the power of its smell. Treat yourself to aromatherapy bath and body wash for a calming shower experience. To feel invigorated in the morning, try lemon or ginger-scented products.

A two-in-one showerhead, such as Delta's new In2ition showerhead — with both a showerhead and detachable handshower — provides the warmth and flexibility of two streams of water at once.

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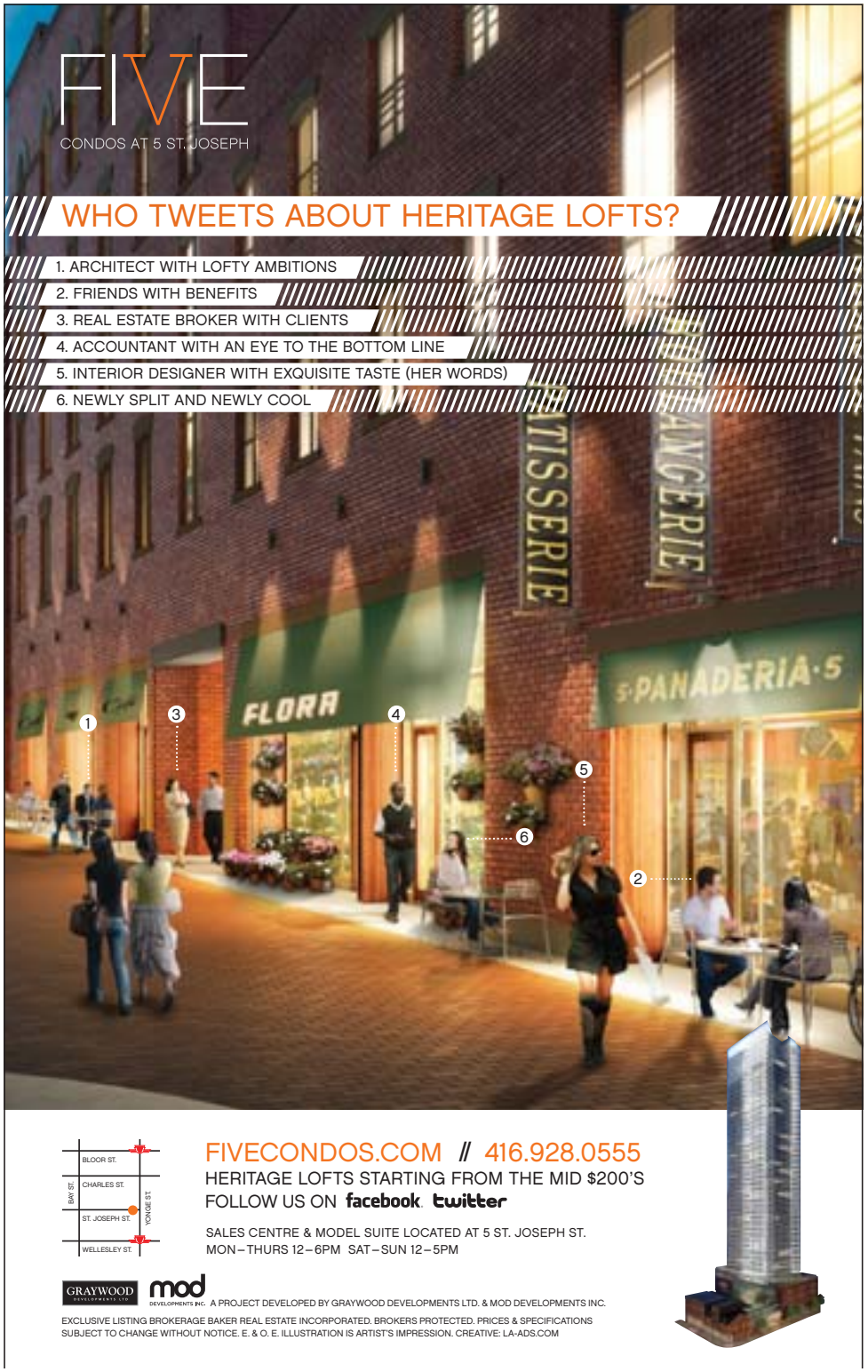

Rooftop Surfing

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DUTY CALLS AT THE FALL HOME SHOW

I've got booth duty this weekend at the Fall Home Show, but it's hardly an imposition. As a homeowner, I've done my fair share of do-it-yourself projects as well as several contracted renovations, and with two major rooms still needing work before I can say I've renovated every inch of my home, inside and out, I'll probably get to the show well before my shift to check out the latest and greatest home-related products and services offered by the more than 300 exhibitors covering more than 60,000 square feet of the Better Living Centre at Exhibition Place.

BILD's booth at the Fall Home Show is actually a feature area called Destination Renovation, where we're offering renovation conversation, inspiration and information. The conversation part is where you can sit down for up to 15 minutes with one of our professional renovation contractors to discuss your potential project. The inspiration part is our photo gallery of before and after photos of professional renovations of all types and budgets. And the information part is our free literature on the renovation process, green renovations and the all-important RenoMark contractors listing.

"The Show also features celebrities like Justin & Colin and Candice Olson, plus a full stage schedule of expert presentations including Renovation 101."

The Show also features celebrities like Justin and Colin and Candice Olson, plus a full stage schedule of expert presentations including Renovation 101, presented daily by two-time BILD Renovator of the Year Michael Upshall.

I'm so stoked about the Fall Home Show that I'm giving away a pair of tickets to the first 10 people who email me today. To scoop your tickets, send an email to fallhomeshowtix@gmail.com with "Suite Talk Rocks" in the subject line and your full name in the email body. If you receive an email back, you can claim your free tickets at the Will Call near the Show entrance.

The Fall Home Show opens today and runs through Sunday. I'll be at Booth 720 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday and hope to see you there, if not in the aisles.

Reinventing oh là là French cooking

A few pecans. A sprinkle of Armagnac. Why not? Dorie Greenspan thought.

A bottom-rung baker in a chi-chi New York kitchen, Greenspan was bored making the same cake day after day, and decided substituting pecans and Armagnac for almonds and whiskey in the restaurant's signature confection would shake things up. It was such a success she was called into the boss's office at the end of the day.

And fired.

"She fired me for 'creative insubordination,'" Greenspan says. "Now, as a grown-up, I think that's a good thing to be, creatively insubordinate. At the time it made me miserable."

The best-selling cookbook author made her name by writing about the recipes of masters like Julia Child, Daniel Boulud and French pastry chef Pierre Herme with near-papal infallibility. But today Greenspan has put her voice — a wry, anecdotal style that has won her legions of fans — and her own creative vision first.

Around My French Table, her 10th and latest cookbook, is full-frontal Greenspan, a companion to her 2007 James Beard award winner, Baking from My Home to Yours. The new book marks a shift in her identity from baker to all-around cook, and captures the glamour of her life as a part-time Parisian.

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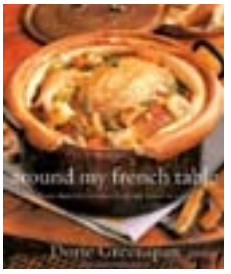
▶Dorie Greenspan's chicken, apples and cream a la Normade (see recipe below)

"It's the essence of Dorie's personality and of everything she loves," says Bon Appetit editor-in-chief Barbara Fairchild, a friend for nearly two decades. "Her writing has always been very, very good. But over the years it's become more personal. Her personality comes through now more than ever."

And there's more of that to come. For her next book — to be released in 2013 — Greenspan will apprentice with master chefs and use what she learns to create yet more of her own recipes.

Greenspan leads the kind of charmed existence you only get by having saved a boatload of orphans in a previous life. From her home base in Manhattan, she spends a few months a year in Paris, and now and then visits her house in Connecticut. She has worked elbow-to-elbow with Jean-Georges Vongericheten, Alain Ducasse and, of course Julia Child.



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Chicken, apples and cream a la Normade

Preparation:

1. In a shalow bowl, mix flour with some salt and pepper. With a paper towel, pat chicken breasts dry, then dredge them through flour, coating both sides lightly and shaking off excess flour.

2. In a large, deep skillet over medium-high, heat butter and oil. When butter melts, add chicken breasts, in batches if necessary. Cook for 3 minutes, or until browned on the bottom, then turn and cook an additional 3 minutes.

3. Add apple, onion and mushrooms. Season with salt and pepper and stir lightly. Cook for 1 minute. Finish with the other slice of cheese.

4. Add chicken broth. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer for 10 minutes, until chicken is nearly cooked through.

5. Turn heat to medium-high and add calvados, boiling until it is almost evaporated (about 1 minute). Add cream and cook until cream reduces by a quarter.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded): 417 calories; 204 calories from fat (49 per cent of total calories); 23 g fat (12 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 130 mg cholesterol; 19 g carbohydrate; 30 g protein; 2 g fibre; 291 mg sodium.

Makes 4 servings.

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Ingredients :

- All-purpose flour, for dredging
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) unsalted butter
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 large apple, peeled, cored and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) chunks
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 8 mushrooms, stemmed, wiped clean, thinly sliced and cut crosswise in half
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) chicken broth
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) calvados, apple jack or brandy
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) heavy cream

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It's just a little slip of a place. With only a few stools inside and a two-seater pew (pew, priest: get it?) outside, so get it to go.

The menu is simple — burgers and fries. Good. Specialize and keep it simple. Kudos for the very plain white bun, too: let the ingredients shine.

The "Option" combo ($10.99) includes a deep-fried, panko-encrusted portobello mushroom stuffed with cheese (the blend is "a secret"), fries and a water (pop is extra). It is decadent and extremely fun to eat.

Fries are thin and crisp, but cool immediately. The supposed "fried" onions seem steamed, but the bacon's great. Processed cheese is used on my companion's burger ($5.29), but he insists it's great nonetheless.

It's not gourmet, just tasty.

Sometimes simple is best.

(Note: List off ingredients — say what you want on it item by item, otherwise it arrives naked, as mine did.)

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Tuna and cheese bruschetta

▶ This tasty easy-to-make starter is sure to impress

Yields: **24 appetizers**

Ingredients :

- 250 ml (1 cup) finely diced bocconcini
- 1 can (120 g) flaked tuna, drained
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) grilled and finely diced red peppers
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sliced seedless black olives
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) pesto
- Salt and freshly-ground pepper, to taste
- About 2 dozen small crackers or rusks

Bocconcini and tuna are mixed together and given an unusual flavour boost with pesto, red pepper and black olives for this delicious bruschetta. It makes an ideal snack to eat while watching television or as an appetizer for drop-in guests.

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, combine cheese, tuna, red peppers, olives and pesto. Season with salt and pepper.
2. Spread mixture on crackers or rusks.

Nutritional information per serving: 135 calories, 8 g protein, 5 g fat, 16 g carbohydrates, 106 mg sodium.

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‘I’m leaving on my own terms this time’

Cito Gaston sheds a tear as his second stint as Blue Jays manager draws near its end ◗ Jays wear fake moustaches, Yankees give ovation

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ The crowd cheers for Cito Gaston before last night’s game.

Cito Gaston stood before an adoring crowd, a single tear snaking down his right cheek, taking in all the love one last time.

Try as he did, Gaston couldn’t quite keep his emotions in check during a moving 30-minute pregame tribute ahead of his final home game as Toronto Blue Jays manager last night. Renowned for his unshakable and steadying calm, saying farewell got to him.

“I could probably stand here and enjoy that a little longer, but we’ve got a baseball game to play,” Gaston said before receiving one of many standing ovations.

The Blue Jays pulled out all the stops for their “Thank You Cito” night, bringing back former stars George Bell, Pat Hentgen, Joe Carter and Devon White and compiling a video featuring Hank Aaron, Dusty Baker, Bud Selig, Roberto Alomar, Dave Winfield and Paul Molitor, among others.

“It’s not like I’m dead, it’s just that I’m moving on to do something else. I’m fine, everything is good.”
CITO GASTON

Team president Paul Beeston and Rogers Communications Inc. CEO Nadir Mohamed presented Gaston with four plane tickets anywhere in the world — Beeston joked that Gaston might even bring along wife Linda if Carter didn’t get in the way — and a tribute portrait done by Vernon Wells Sr.

Centre-fielder Vernon Wells thanked Gaston on behalf of the players, presented him with a gift and then told the crowd: “He rocks the moustache better than anyone I’ve ever seen.”

That had the Blue Jays doubled over with laughter, and many of them, Wells included, took the field with eye-black on their upper lips as a sign of respect.

The Yankees paid tribute to Gaston, too, giving him a standing ovation on the edge of the dugout. And as he came to the plate in the first, Derek Jeter took off his helmet and pointed to Gaston.

Yesterday’s farewell began with Gaston arriving at the Rogers Centre around 1:15 p.m., signing some autographs, meeting with well-wishers and chatting with his players.

His retirement after the current season was announced last winter, and his team has far exceeded expectations, entering yesterday’s contest with an 81-76 record. Gaston took an all-time mark of 909-850 compiled in two stints as manager into the game.

The 66-year-old served as Blue Jays hitting coach from 1982 until he was promoted — Gaston said he was forced by president Paul Beeston — to manager after the firing of Jimy Williams in 1989. Gaston was in charge until his dismissal late in the ’97 season, returning in June 2008 when John Gibbons was fired.

Though he’s leaving the dugout, he will remain with the club as an adviser for the next four years.

“It’s a lot different because I’m leaving on my own terms this time,” he said. “It’s not too often you get a chance to go out this way. Usually, they just tell you don’t let the door hit you in the butt on the way out.” **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Key dates for Cito

May 29, 1989
Cito Gaston is named as the Jays’ full-time manager with the club in last place. “I’m glad for the opportunity and I think we can get this thing going,” he said.

Sept. 30, 1989
Clinched AL East division title with win over Baltimore to complete turnaround from last place when appointed manager.

July 9, 1991
Served as coach for American League as the SkyDome hosts the MLB all-star Game. The AL wins 4-2.

Oct. 24, 1992
Jays beat Braves in Game 6. Gaston becomes first African-American manager to win a World Series. “All year he’s been talked about and dragged through the mud,” Devon White said of Gaston. “He deserved this more than anyone else.”

Oct. 23, 1993
Jays beat Phillies in Game 6 on Joe Carter’s homer. First back-to-back World Series wins since Yankees in 1977-78. “I said I wasn’t going to do this this year,” he said, wiping tears away. “But I think I’m doing it again.”

Sept. 24, 1997
Fired as Jays manager after 1,316 games, and replaced for final five games of season by interim manager Mel Queen. “There’s a few (bleeps) on this team I really don’t care for,” he said, “but I think I got along with most of the guys I’ve managed.”

June 20, 2008
After serving as hitting coach (2000-01) and spring training coach, returned to replace John Gibbons as Jays manager in Pittsburgh. “I’ve always said, ‘Talk softly because then people will listen to you.’ If you start screaming, nobody hears you.”
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▶ Lou Piniella

Jays took Piniella’s advice

After making Cito Gaston interim manager, Blue Jays president Paul Beeston and general manager Pat Gillick were looking for a permanent replacement.

Lou Piniella, doing TV work for the Yankees, was the apple of Gillick’s eye and George Steinbrenner, who had fired Piniella a couple times as Yankee manager, granted the Jays permission to talk to him, but not to make an offer. If the Jays hired him, Steinbrenner wanted three players in return from a group that included Todd Stottlemyre, David Wells and Duane Ward.

The Jays said, approximately, “When pigs fly” although Beeston, thinking back, suggests Steinbrenner knew the demand was a non-starter.

“I don’t think he wanted Lou coming back into Yankee Stadium three times a year in another uniform,” Beeston said. “And the next year, Lou was in Cincinnati.”

When the Jays sounded out Piniella, he had a simple message: “You have the right guy there now.”
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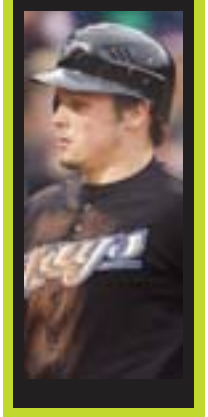

Travis Snider and John Buck homered off Yankees starter Javier Vazquez last night to give the Toronto Blue Jays 246 for the season, establishing a new franchise record.

Snider’s homer in the first inning, his 13th of the season, broke the previous mark of 244 set in 2000, when Carlos Delgado and Tony Batista tied for the team lead with 41 apiece.

Buck’s 20th in the second inning pushed the total to 246, matching the 2001 Texas Rangers for the fifth highest total in big-league history.
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▶ Eagles quarterback Michael Vick throws a pass during practice yesterday.

Vick vs. McNabb set for Sunday

Donovan McNabb's return to Philadelphia gets new twist as he will face off against Michael Vick's Eagles

Donovan McNabb made Michael Vick's second chance in the NFL a Philadelphia story.

Vick signed with the Eagles last year only after McNabb lobbied for him. He learned a lot from watching McNabb, and picked up some of his work habits.

Now Vick is the one — not Kevin Kolb — who is replacing McNabb.

No. 7 is even playing better than No. 5 right now.

"Donovan was very instrumental in bringing me here," Vick said yesterday. "He put in a good word for me and it happened. I was thankful for it and they gave me an opportunity when nobody believed in me and he was a part of that. I'll never forget that."

Vick can thank McNabb in person Sunday when the Washington Redskins (1-2) play the Eagles (2-1) in a game that's been circled on calendars since the schedule came out. Vick's re-emergence as a star quarterback has added a new twist to McNabb's return to Philadelphia.

REDSKINS EAGLES

▶ **Time:** 4:15 p.m. Sunday

Since Kolb sustained a concussion in Week 1, Vick has been outstanding. He has 750 yards passing, six touchdowns and no interceptions, and also has run for 170 yards and one score in 10 quarters. For his efforts, Vick earned NFC offensive player of the month honours.

None of this would have been possible if McNabb hadn't given his approval to bring Vick to Philadelphia in the first place.

After spending 18 months in a federal prison for his role in a dogfighting ring, Vick had few options to resume his career. With McNabb's blessing, the Eagles signed him to a two-year contract last August.

Vick was supposed to be in Philadelphia just to run the wildcat offence and be a backup. But he played so well as a fill-in that Eagles coach Andy Reid flip-flopped on his decision to keep Kolb as the starter.

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Gionta becomes Habs' 2nd American captain

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▶ Brian Gionta

When the Montreal Canadiens announced they would name a new captain this season, there was little doubt who would eventually be handed the C.

He's the smallest player on the team, but steady winger Brian Gionta was the standout leader last season when the team made a surprise run to the Eastern Conference final with no official captain.

"The way he led our group, to me, it became obvious that he was the captain," Canadiens coach Jacques Martin said.

The Habs made it official yesterday, naming the five-foot-seven Gionta their 28th captain in the team's 101-year history.

"He's a small guy but he has the biggest heart on the team," said rearguard Roman Hamrlik.

The Rochester, N.Y., native, who stood on a wooden riser to address the media at his dressing room stall yesterday, is the second American to have the C that has been worn by greats like Jean Beliveau, Maurice (Rocket) Richard, Doug Harvey, Toe Blake and Emile (Butch) Bouchard. American Chris Chelios shared the captaincy with Guy Carbonneau in 1989-90.

After 10-year captain Saku Koivu left as a free agent in a team makeover after the 2008-09 season, the Canadiens had nobody wear the C all of last season.

"I was an assistant captain and part of that (leadership) group last year, but it's still a surprise to be named captain," 31-year-old Gionta said. "It's the Montreal Canadiens, it's pretty special."

This year, Martin, general manager Pierre Gauthier and the rest of the staff opted to name him captain and also tabbed defencemen Andrei Markov and Hal Gill as alternate captains.

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NFL labour discussions continue

The current labour deal between the NFL and its players' union contains a provision that allows the league to increase the regular season to 18 games. As the sides try to negotiate a new contract, they are talking again about the possibility of making such a switch.

"An 18-game regular season is not uncharted territory," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello wrote in an email to The Associated Press yesterday, referring to the 2006 collective bargaining agreement.

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Tottenham defeats FC Twente

Rafael van der Vaart was the centre of attention yesterday as Tottenham clinched its first ever win in the Champions League, opening the scoring before getting sent off in a 4-1 win over FC Twente.

The Netherlands international, who also missed a first-half penalty, put Tottenham ahead two minutes into the second half before getting a second yellow card in the 61st minute for a high challenge on Roberto Rosales.

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Pirates assured No. 1 pick in 2011

One of the Pittsburgh Pirates' worst seasons in 50 years has guaranteed them the No. 1 pick in the June amateur draft.

The Pirates, already assured of their first 100-loss season since 2001, cannot finish below any other team in the overall standings.

They last had the No. 1 pick in 2002, when they used it on right-hander Bryan Bullington. He did not win his first game in the majors until this season, while with Kansas City.

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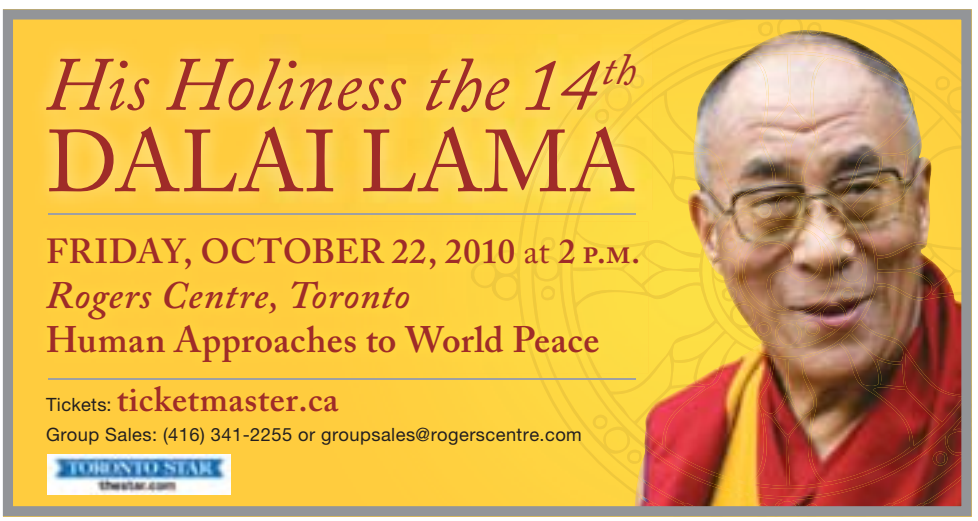

Sonny being Sonny is fine with Raptors

Fun-loving Weems has 'matured' heading into 2nd year with Toronto

No one quite knew what to make of Sonny Weems when he first arrived in Toronto: Not his coaches, his fans or his teammates.

The young Raptor of a year ago was a bit brash and a bit loud and he would show up to practice with the pockets pulled out of his sweats, the legs cut off all raggedly and about as far from professional as you could get. It irked people to no end. They wondered if he would ever take things seriously, whether he would eventually "get it" and start acting more appropriately.

Fast forward a year and Weems — teammates and coaches contend — is more mature, more businesslike, more professional.

And then he sits on the sidelines after practice is over, grabs a pylon that was used in a drill and starts using it as a bullhorn, cracking wise about anything and everything. No one gets upset, though; it's Sonny being Sonny and they know it's all in good fun.

"I finally feel that is my place in the NBA. This is basically my home, my team. It motivated me to have a relaxed summer."
SONNY WEEMS

"Last year the pockets were pulled up and the sweats were cut off to here and we're like, 'What a bad guy, what a bad guy,'" said coach Jay Triano. "And someone said, 'He's not a bad guy he just needs to be told.' You talk to him and you tell him and it's OK. Yeah, he's matured a lot."

Maybe not all that much, actually.

"I'm trying to be a little calm this year but you have to keep it fun on the court, you can't be serious all the time," said Weems. "Even if we're losing games, you can't be serious all the time. You can't have everyone coming in the dressing room frowning, you've got to have somebody to lighten it up and that's what I try to do."

Weems has become something of a cult hero to young fans of the team for his willingness to interact with the public. He and DeMar DeRozan, practically inseparable off the court, have made it a point to use social networking skills and their outgoing personalities, to "connect" with the people.

The Raptors will put up with almost anything Weems wants to do off the court as long as his play on it continues to progress as it did last season. Once he gained the trust of his coaches, he became the biggest surprise of the season, a solid mid-range offensive threat with outstanding athleticism and enough perimeter defensive skills to stay on the court against some of the top small forwards in the league.

He will be asked to do much of the same this season, possibly in a role as a boost off the bench behind starter Linas Kleiza but Weems said he's OK with that job. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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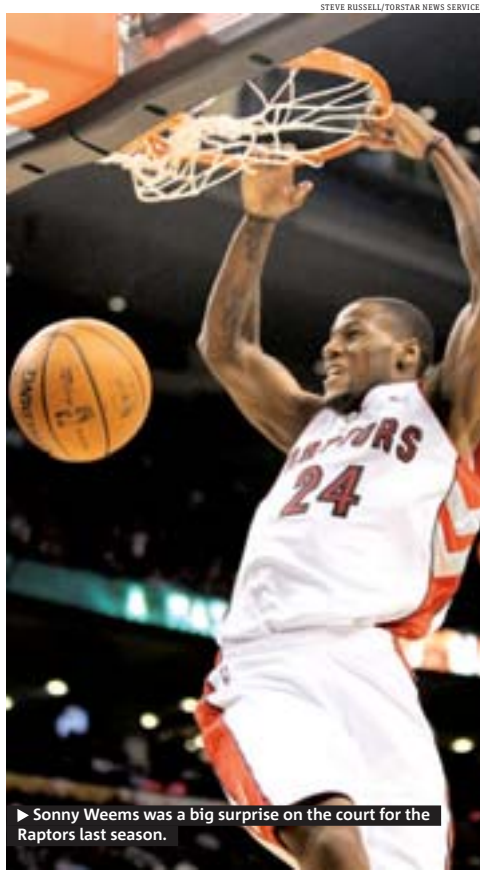

▶ Sonny Weems was a big surprise on the court for the Raptors last season.

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Kansas City	65	92	.414	27	28½	5-5	W-2	36-40	29-52

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
x-Texas	88	70	.557	—	—	5-5	W-1	49-28	39-42
Los Angeles	78	80	.494	10	16	6-4	W-3	43-38	35-42
Oakland	77	81	.487	11	17	3-7	L-6	47-34	30-47
Seattle	61	97	.386	27	33	5-5	L-1	35-42	26-55

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
x-Philadelphia	94	64	.595	—	—	7-3	L-1	52-29	42-35
Atlanta	90	69	.566	4½	—	5-5	W-3	55-23	35-46
New York	77	80	.490	16½	12	3-7	L-1	45-31	32-49
Florida	77	81	.487	17	12½	4-6	L-4	38-39	39-42
Washington	68	90	.430	26	21½	6-4	W-1	41-39	27-51

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
x-Cincinnati	88	69	.561	—	—	5-5	W-2	46-30	42-39
St. Louis	82	76	.519	6½	7½	5-5	W-1	48-29	34-47
Houston	74	83	.471	14	15	3-7	L-3	41-37	33-46
Milwaukee	74	83	.471	14	15	5-5	W-1	40-41	34-42
Chicago	72	85	.459	16	17	6-4	W-2	35-46	37-39
Pittsburgh	56	102	.354	32½	33½	6-4	L-1	40-41	16-61

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	89	68	.567	—	—	6-4	W-2	46-30	43-38
San Diego	87	70	.554	2	2	5-5	L-3	44-35	43-35
Colorado	83	75	.525	6½	6½	1-9	L-4	52-29	31-46
Los Angeles	78	81	.491	12	12	6-4	W-3	43-35	35-46
Arizona	64	93	.408	25	25	5-5	L-1	40-41	24-52

z-clinched playoff berth; x-clinched division

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Texas 6 Seattle 5
L.A. Angels 2 Oakland 1 (11 ings.)
Cleveland 4 Detroit 0 (1st game)
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto
Baltimore at Tampa Bay
Detroit at Cleveland (2nd game)
Boston at Chicago White Sox
Minnesota at Kansas City
Tuesday's results
N.Y. Yankees 6 Toronto 1
Detroit at Cleveland (ppd., rain)
Tampa Bay 5 Baltimore 0
Seattle 3 Texas 1
Chicago White Sox 5 Boston 4
Kansas City 10 Minnesota 1
L.A. Angels 4 Oakland 2
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Detroit (Bonderman 8-9) at Baltimore (Guthrie 10-14), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Kazmir 9-15) at Texas (Cl.Lee 12-9), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 19-8) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 14-11), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Garza 15-9) at Kansas City (Greinke 9-14), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Sh.Hill 1-2) at Minnesota (Liriano 14-9), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (G.Gonzalez 14-9) at Seattle (Fister 6-13), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
St. Louis 4 Pittsburgh 1
L.A. Dodgers 7 Colorado 6
Milwaukee 8 N.Y. Mets 7 (1st game)
Atlanta 5 Florida 1
Philadelphia at Washington
Houston at Cincinnati
Milwaukee at N.Y. Mets (2nd game)
Chicago Cubs at San Diego
Arizona at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Washington 2 Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 3 Florida 2
Cincinnati 3 Houston 2
N.Y. Mets 4 Milwaukee 3
Pittsburgh 7 St. Louis 2
L.A. Dodgers 9 Colorado 7
Chicago Cubs 5 San Diego 2
San Francisco 4 Arizona 2
Today's games
(All times Eastern)
Arizona (Enright 6-6) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 6-6), 3:45 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Gorzelanny 7-9) at San Diego (Garland 14-12), 6:35 p.m.
Houston (Myers 14-7) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 16-10), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Narveson 11-9) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Duke 8-14) at Florida (Volstad 11-9), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hammel 10-8) at St. Louis (C.Carpenter 15-9), 8:15 p.m.

WILD CARD

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Yankees	93	64	.592	-

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	90	69	.566	-
San Diego	87	70	.554	2.0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

LATE TUESDAY

YANKEES 6, BLUE JAYS 1

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	4	3	2	1	Snider lf	4	1	2	1
Swisher rf	3	0	1	0	YEscor ss	3	0	0	0
Golson pr-rf	1	1	0	1	JBautst rf	3	0	0	0
Teixeir 1b	2	0	1	1	V.Wells cf	4	0	1	0
ARdrgz 3b	3	0	1	2	Overay 1b	4	0	0	0
Cano 2b	3	0	0	1	A.Hill 2b	3	0	0	0
Posada c	4	0	1	0	J.Buck c	3	0	0	0
Brkmn dh	3	0	0	0	Encrnc 3b	3	0	0	0
Thams ph	1	0	1	0	Arencil dh	3	0	0	0
ENunez pr-dh	0	1	0	0					
Gmdrs cf	3	0	0	0					
Gardnr lf	4	1	2	0					
Totals	**31**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**Totals**		**30**	**1**	**3** **1**

New York	101	010	021 — 6
Toronto	001	000	000 — 1

E—J.Buck (5). DP—Toronto 3. LOB—New York 7, Toronto 4. 3B—Gardner (7). HR—Snider (12). S—Swisher. SF—Teixeira, A.Rodriguez, Cano.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Sabathia W,21-7	8 1-3	3	1	1	2	8
Ma.Rivera	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Drabek L,0-3	6	5	3	3	1	4
Mills	1 1-3	2	2	2	1	1
Roenicke	0	0	0	0	1	0
Purcey	2-3	2	1	1	1	1
Janssen	1	0	0	0	1	2

T—2:55. A—18,193 (49,539) at Toronto.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	26	13	7	6	35	29	45
New York	26	13	8	5	34	27	44
Kansas City	25	9	10	6	29	30	33
Toronto FC	26	8	11	7	26	31	31
Philadelphia	25	7	12	6	30	39	27
Chicago	24	6	10	8	28	32	26
New England	26	7	14	5	28	45	26
D.C. United	26	5	18	3	18	42	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-Los Angeles	26	15	6	5	38	21	50
Real Salt Lake	26	13	4	9	39	17	48
FC Dallas	26	11	2	13	36	22	46
San Jose	24	11	7	6	28	25	39
Seattle	26	11	9	6	31	29	39
Colorado	25	10	7	8	33	25	38
Houston	26	7	14	5	35	45	26
Chivas USA	25	7	14	4	25	34	25

x — clinched playoff berth.
Last night's results
Philadelphia at Colorado
Chicago at San Jose
Saturday's games
(All times Eastern)
Toronto FC at Seattle, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Los Angeles at Chivas USA, 8 p.m.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
First round
Group A
Inter Milan (Italy) 4 Werder Bremen (Germany) 0
Tottenham (England) 4 Twente (Netherlands) 1
Group B
Hapoel Tel Aviv (Israel) 1 Lyon (France) 3
Schalke (Germany) 2 Benfica (Portugal) 0
Group C
Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1 Bursaspor (Turkey) 0
Valencia (Spain) 0 Manchester United (England) 1
Group D
Panathinaikos (Greece) 0 Copenhagen (Denmark) 2
Rubin Kazan (Russia) 1 Barcelona (Spain) 1

NHL

PRE-SEASON

Last night's results
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers
Nashville at Atlanta
N.Y. Islanders (ss) at Philadelphia
Washington at Boston
Carolina at Florida (ppd., weather threat)
Toronto at Ottawa
Phoenix at Edmonton
Vancouver at San Jose
At Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Calgary vs. N.Y. Islanders (ss)
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Buffalo at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Atlanta at Carolina, 1:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

LATE TUESDAY

COYOTES 3, FLAMES 1

First Period
1. Calgary, Iginla 2 (Jokinen) 0:17
2. Phoenix, Doan 3 (Wolski) 5:36
Penalties - Jackman Cal (tripping) 7:41, Morris Phx (interference) 10:16, Hagman Cal (slashing) 14:43, Conroy Cal (tripping) 16:47.
Second Period
3. Calgary, Hagman 2 (Backlund) 1:20
Penalties - Pyatt Phx, Pardy Cal (fighting) 1:48, Hanzal Phx (hooking) 9:07, Whitney Phx (hooking) 11:08.
Third Period
4. Calgary, Brodie 3 (Hagman) 5:36
Penalties - Doan Phx (holding) 0:31, Rheault Cal (interference) 2:42, Staios Cal (slashing) 6:10, Morris Phx (elbowing) 12:27, Jackman Cal (tripping) 15:35.
Shots on goal by:

Phoenix	7	6	7-20
Calgary	9	7	11-27

Goal (shots-saves) - Phoenix: LaBarbera (L, 1-1-0); Calgary: Karlsson (W, 2-0-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) - Phoenix: 0-6; Calgary: 0-5.
Attendance - 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

CANUCKS 3, SHARKS 1

First Period
1. Vancouver, Samuelsson 1 (H. Sedin, D. Sedin) 5:25 (pp)
2. Vancouver, Raymond 1 (R. Keslerm K. Bieksa) 11:02
Penalties - Mitchell SJ (tripping) 4:46, Bolduc Vcr (tripping) 6:34, H. Sedin Vcr (hooking) 12:11, Lilja SJ (slashing) 14:38, Bieksa Vcr (slashing) 16:35.
Second Period
3. Vancouver, Tambellini 1 (J. Hansen, M. Malhotra) 7:56
4. San Jose , Dany Heatley 1 (D. Boyle, P. Marleau) 16:19
Penalties - McGinn SJ (tripping) 4:54, Murray SJ (fighting) Glass Vcr (fighting) 8:26. Murray SJ (unsportsmanlike, instigator, fighting, misconduct) Glass Vcr (fighting) 8:26.
Third Period
No scoring.
Penalties - Moore SJ (interference) 1:58, Samuelsson Vcr (hooking) 12:35.
Shots on goal by:

San Jose	9	2	13-24
Vancouver	5	13	4-22

Goal - San Jose: Niemi (L, 0-1-0); Vancouver: Schneder (W, 1-2).
Power plays (goals-chances) - San Jose: 0-4; Vancouver: 1-6.
Attendance - 18,860 at Vancouver

NFL

WEEK 4

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	68	47
Miami	2	1	0	.667	52	51
New England	2	1	0	.667	90	82
Buffalo	0	3	0	.000	47	87

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	77	78
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	89	61
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	78	42
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	40	83

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.000	72	33
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	59	55
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	44	41
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	45	57

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	68	38
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	72	61
Denver	1	2	0	.333	61	65
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	52	76

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	83	62
Washington	1	2	0	.333	56	67
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	54	53
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	55	85

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	77	46
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	63	58
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	50	59
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	32	71

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	3	0	0	1.000	66	51
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	78	47
Minnesota	1	2	0	.333	43	38
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	56	78

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	72	57
Arizona	2	1	0	.667	48	77
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	57	49
San Francisco	0	3	0	.000	38	87

Byes: Dallas, Kansas City, Minnesota, Tampa Bay
Sunday's games
Denver at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Houston at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
New England at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 14

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Montreal	12	9	3	0	388	290	18
Hamilton	12	6	6	0	295	318	12
Toronto	12	6	6	0	243	317	12
Winnipeg	12	3	9	0	331	333	6

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	12	9	3	0	406	274	18
Saskatchewan	12	8	4	0	353	329	16
B.C.	12	4	8	0	308	305	8
Edmonton	12	3	9	0	224	378	6

x — clinched playoff berth.
Tomorrow's game
(All times Eastern)
Montreal at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Saskatchewan at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Winnipeg at B.C., 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
Hamilton at Edmonton, 4:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

LEAGUE OFFICE — Reduced the three-game suspension of Baltimore RHP Alfredo Simon to two games hitting Toronto OF Jose Bautista with a pitch after both teams were warned during Sunday's game.

BASKETBALL

NBA

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Exercised their third-year contract option on G Stephen Curry for the 2011-12 season.
NEW JERSEY NETS — Waived F Andre Brown.

FOOTBALL

NFL

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived DE Trevor Pryce.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed LB Chris Kelsay to a four-year contract extension through the 2014 season.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed G Chris Morris.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed CB Karl Paymah. Waived CB Jamar Wall.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DL Robert Rose. Waived LB Erik Walden.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed RB Xavier Omon and G Chad Rinehart to the practice squad.

CFL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Fined Winnipeg coach Paul LaPolice $1,000 and DE Phillip Hunt, CB-KR Jovon Johnson and OL Ibrahim Khan undisclosed amounts for publicly criticizing officials following Friday's game against Montreal.

HOCKEY

NHL

BOSTON BRUINS — Assigned F Joe Colborne, F Zach Hamill, F Jeff LoVecchio, F Jeremy Reich, F Wyatt Smith and D Steven Kampfer to Providence (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRRICANES — Assigned F Zach Boychuk to Charlotte (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Assigned F Matt Calvert, F Chad Kolarik, D Steven Delisle, D Cody Goloubef, D Brent Regner, D Theo Ruth, G Daren Machesney to Syracuse (AHL). Placed F Trevor Frischmon and D Jonathan Sigalet on waivers for the purpose of being assigned to Springfield. Returned F Oliver Gabriel to Portland (WHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned G Thomas McCollum, D Travis Ehrhardt, D Sergei Kolosov, D Sebastien Piche, D Logan Pyett, F Willie Coetzee, F Ilari Filppula and F Jamie Tardif to Grand Rapids (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned G Jeff Frazee to Albany (AHL). Returned D Eric Gelinas to Chicoutimi (QMJHL). Announced RW Marcus Nilson has returned to Sweden.
OTTAWA SENATORS — Reassigned G Mike Brodeur, G Barry Brust, D Andre Benoit, D Eric Gryba, D Geoff Kinrade, D Craig Schira, F Jason Bailey, F Erik Condra, F Corey Cowick, F Kaspars Daugavins, F David Dziurzynski, F Colin Greening, F Mike Hoffman, F Jim O' Brien, F Tim Spencer and F Roman Wick to Binghamton (AHL).
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Assigned F Brett Sterling, F Chris Conner, F Tim Wallace, F Nick Johnson, F Joe Vitale, D Corey Potter, D Steve Wagner, D Robert Bortuzzo, D Brian Strait, G John Curry and G Brad Thiessen to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled G Braden Holtby from Hershey (AHL).

AHL

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed D Greg Amadio.

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Opinion

DAN TOTH
CFL EXTRA POINTS

TIME FOR ARGOS TO GIVE BELL A SHOT

Cleo Lemon suffered the head shot, but maybe it was Jim Barker who got the concussion. How else can you explain the Argo head coach's insistence that Lemon is still the No. 1 QB in Toronto?

Lemon's injury in the Touchdown Atlantic game last Sunday should give backup Dalton Bell a chance to finally show what he can do in his first start in four seasons as a pro. Under Lemon's guidance, the Argos have fielded one of the poorest performing offences in the CFL. In fact, in their last five games, the Boatmen have failed to score at least 18 points and are second last in average points scored per game. Bell seemed to outperform Lemon in training camp, yet Barker still gave the starting role to Lemon.

The Argos were successful early on this season because of big plays from a solid defence and special teams but the reality of the team's anemic offence has struck like a blow to the head. Now it's Bell's chance to shake out the cobwebs.

QB ISSUES IN B.C.:

The B.C. Lions have a three-way quarterback controversy on their hands. Casey Printers was pulled from their Saturday win over Calgary in favour of backup Travis Lulay and now even third-stringer Jarius Jackson is feeling like a forgotten man.

Printers was benched late in the first half against the Stampeders after carelessly fumbling away the ball once again. Printers also lost two fumbles the previous weekend in a late collapse against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Lulay completed just five of 12 passes against Calgary but protected the ball, earning praise from head coach Wally Buono.

MARITIME CFL:

The excitement over Touchdown Atlantic has died down, and now the CFL has to determine what it all means. While the game in Moncton was sold out and received rave reviews, the success in a one-off event means little or nothing.

The question remains, can that community support a team through 10 home games year after year? CFL commissioner Mark Cohon believes a multi-year commitment to hold one East Coast game per season will allow the CFL to better gauge the potential, both from investors and business partners.

The bottom line is the Maritimes must find a well-heeled investor if it ever hopes to land a CFL franchise.

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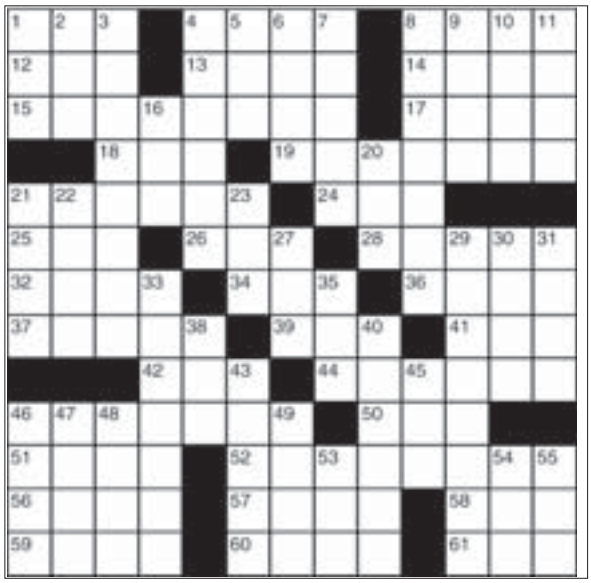

Across

1 Kennel call
4 Binges
8 Unkempt one
12 Zodiac feline
13 Out of the storm
14 Gambling game
15 Pigskin
17 2.54 centimeters
18 Three-man vessel?
19 Burn sluggishly
21 Exhibited ennui
24 Singer DiFranco
25 Punk-rock sub-genre
26 Tier
28 Tender
32 Coastal bird
34 Talk on and on
36 Ripped
37 Drew a tattoo?
39 Grand Cherokee, for ex.
41 Inseparable
42 Wahine's gift
44 Pigeon-holed
46 Pretend to sing
50 "Go, team!"
51 Sandwich treat
52 Explana-tory info
56 "— Free"
57 Took the shuttle
58 Torched
59 Responsibility
60 Pinnacle
61 "CSI" evidence

Down

1 TV alien
2 Old Oldsmobile
3 Fancy maneuvering
4 Talk on and on
5 Chicken-king link
6 Solidifies
7 Alabama city
8 Mountaintop access
9 Give for a while
10 Never again?
11 Physicist Niels
16 Large cask
20 Yoko of music
21 Bigfoot's cousin
22 "So be it"
23 Pooch
27 Existed
29 Sturdy place to stand
30 Sea eagle
31 Walter — Army Medical Center
33 1950s sitcom family
35 Clear the tables
38 Susan of "L.A. Law"
40 Whirlpool
43 Farther down the page
45 Scooted
46 Timber wolf
47 Press agent?
48 Indiana city
49 Hen pen
53 Praise in verse
54 Stannum
55 Greek vowel

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

9	7				8	4		
3			5	2				9
					4	8		
		2		8				7
	1						9	
7				6		2		
		7	4					
5				7	9			1
		4	3				5	6

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	9	5	2	8	1	6	4	7
4	7	6	5	9	3	2	1	8
2	1	8	7	6	4	9	5	3
6	3	1	9	2	7	4	8	5
9	8	7	4	3	5	1	6	2
5	2	4	8	1	6	7	3	9
8	5	2	6	4	9	3	7	1
7	6	3	1	5	2	8	9	4
1	4	9	3	7	8	5	2	6

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To Chip: my brown eyed squirrel. You are the love of my life, the Garcia to my Morgan. Living together is the best thing to ever happen to me. Forever Yours. **LOVE, ALEJANDRO XOXO**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Why are you so upset that you made a mistake? Everyone gets it wrong occasionally, even an Aries, so stop beating yourself up about it and move on to the next thing.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may not see eye-to-eye with someone you work or do business with but what happens over the next 24 hours will help you understand why they think and act in certain ways..

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Because your opinions are so respected others seek you out to learn why certain things are taking place. But you cannot possibly know it all and what happens today may baffle you completely.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Stick with what you know and trust. If you chop and change today you will most likely commit the kind of silly mistake you quite rightly laugh at others for making.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will feel a powerful urge to let your instincts guide you, even though the direction they are pointing you in may be one you know next to nothing about. Don't fight it – go with it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You have a duty to tell it like you see it, even though you know that not everyone will appreciate your candor. Who is that duty to? It is to yourself and it is to the universe as a whole.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Attitude is everything now. If you are positive in your thinking and allow only loving and constructive emotions a place in your heart there really is nothing you cannot accomplish.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You have made more than enough concessions and cannot afford to indulge a friend's unreasonable demands any longer.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Something that once was such a struggle is at last coming easy and you are right to make the most of the situation. But you must also take the time and make the effort to find out why it is going so well.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 To make the most of your talents you need to bring other people in on your plans and let them help you find new ways to your goals. Not even a Capricorn can do it all on their own.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Do you believe in yourself? Not just a little bit but totally, absolutely, irrevocably? Most likely you still have a few doubts but you can overcome them today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Some of the things that have been going on in your neighborhood have been strange to say the least, but none of it concerns you directly so don't get involved.

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Limited Supply
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Overheating
To ensure a traditional heater refreshes at a reasonable rate, most heaters are set at very high temperatures (130F+). This wastes energy and increases risk of scalding, especially for children and the elderly.

Hard Water Minerals
Hard water scale forms most readily when water is heated for extended periods. Hard water scale quickly coats the internal components causing a loss of efficiency and shorter life, and often leaks.

Short Life / Disposal
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